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Figures Show New High In 'B' Movies

Catholics Throughout Nation To Renew Legion Of Decency Pledge

Figures released at the National Legion of Decency headquarters in New York show that motion pictures rated "Objectionable in Part" reached a new high during the year, as Catholics across the nation prepare to renew their Legion of Decency pledges on Sunday, December 14.

Commenting on the recent strong opposition to the picture "Forever Amber" by Bishops, priests and the laity around the country, the Rev. Patrick J. Masterson, executive secretary of the National Legion said "this rallying to the support of the Legion exceeds any other similar action in years."

Nearly one in every six films—15.1 per cent—were put in Class "B" by the Legion reviewers. This compares with an overall average of 10 per cent in this classification since the first Legion ratings were issued in February 1936.

Three pictures: Twentieth Century-Fox's "Forever Amber," the English-made "Black Narcissus," and a sex-hygiene item called "Mom and Dad" were given the "C" or "Condemned" rating. Subsequently, changes in the script of "Black Narcissus" and "Forever Amber" resulted in a new rating of "Unobjectionable for Adults" for these films.

Suggestiveness in costume, dialogue and action was the chief reason for the Legion objections to the "B" films. Wrong treatment of marriage and its obligations was the second principal cause. Of the 70 films rated "Objectionable in Part," 28 were suggestive, and 23 presented light treatment of marriage or divorce as the acceptable solution to marital difficulties.

Bishop James A. Griffin of Springfield, Ill., in a letter to Catholics of his diocese, currently calls upon them to "refuse to patronize pictures which are classified as 'B' or 'Objectionable in Part.'" 'B' means, he says and maintains that the Legion of Decency, in this particular regard, has not received the attention and support it deserves.

Cornerstone Laid For Hospital in Mishawaka

The cornerstone for a seven-story addition to Mishawaka's St. Joseph Hospital was laid in a brief and impressive Sunday afternoon ceremony, the dignitaries of the Catholic Clergy and city officials, members of the hospital, doctors, nurses and the public participating. Right Reverend Msgr. John S. Bend spoke in behalf of the South Bend diocese. Bishop Noll of Ft. Wayne and several of the many problems confronting St. Joseph and other hospitals throughout the nation in the shortage of trained nurses. Mayor A. Brady gave the principal address in behalf of the City Administration, lauded the hospital management and the staff in general for the major undertaking, explaining that the addition was of vital importance to every citizen in this area. Rev. Vernon J. Manoski, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church was master of ceremonies.

The structural framework has been completed and cement is now being poured in floor forms, thus allowing the contracting firm that will have a roof on the structure by January 1 and that the building will be ready for occupancy by June 28, one of the day that the ground was broken.

The Bishop's Chat

My dear Flock:

You have probably done most of your Christmas shopping, and your mind has been more occupied with the thought of making your children, your relatives, your friends, a little happier on that day than it has been occupied with a preparation of your own soul for the blessings which Heaven is so ready to bestow on those who make themselves worthy of the same. It was not the world, but the Church, which instituted Christmas, and which is responsible for the practice of exchanging gifts. She encourages even that practice because Christ Himself was the Heavenly Father's greatest gift to the world, and because the Three Kings journeyed from far off pagan countries to bring gifts to the New-Born King.

It is God's Christmas gift particularly which should be reciprocated. To observe Christmas outwardly and not inwardly is a mockery before Heaven. To make every other kind of preparation for Christmas except that of your own soul is as detrimental to your eternal welfare as it is offensive to Christ, Who came to be your Savior, and to deliver to you means of sanctifying yourself.

Of course, you who read this will all prepare for a good Confession and Holy Communion on Christmas, but many who will not read this admonition could be stimulated to receive both Sacraments in preparation for Christmas if you did a little apostolic work, which would also

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OFFICIAL



The Legion Of Decency

This Sunday Catholics everywhere will renew their pledge to the Legion of Decency.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I condemn indecent and immoral pictures and those which glorify crime and criminals. I promise to do all I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent films and to unite with all who protest against them.

I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life.

As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to see only good motion pictures. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show indecent pictures as a matter of policy.

I further promise that recognizing my obligation of conscience I will not buy or read papers, magazines, or books that offend against the virtue of holy purity. Out of the love for our Lord, Who loves pure souls, I will prize above all things, this beautiful virtue in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

It will be interesting to them to know that *Forever Amber* was kept out of many cities, and that in other cities it was a "flop." As a result the producer has made changes requested by the Legion of Decency and the picture has been reclassified as 'B.'

Even exhibitors are now angry that Hollywood produces such films because of the trouble they create for them.

First Reports On Food Drive

Father Edward Sweigart, diocesan director of the Thanksgiving Food Drive for the needy in Europe and the Far East, reports first returns from 56 parishes and institutions in the Diocese. So far a total of 24,370 cans of food, or 579 cases, has been received. In addition \$4,343.68 has been received from parishes which solicited cash contributions instead of foodstuffs. With the cash food will be purchased at wholesale and sent to the needy.

Reports from the central office of War Relief Services—N.C.W.C. indicate that the goal of 25,000,000 cans of food will be over-subscribed.

Father Sweigart asks all pastors who have not as yet reported on the drive in their parishes to do so at once. It is hoped that all returns may be in and the mercy ships on their way to Europe and the Far East before Christmas.

Read the Bishop's Chat.

Protestants Asked To Stop Released- Time Education

Only If They Do, Says Mrs. Meyer, Can They Oppose 'Catholic Claims'

San Antonio, Dec. 8 —(NC)—A vehement attack upon the released-time religious-education program in American public schools was made here in an address before the annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association by Mrs. Eugene Meyer, widely-known writer and speaker on social problems and wife of the publisher of the Washington Post.

Mrs. Meyer appealed to the new Protestant preserve-the-First-Amendment group headed by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to stop the "battering down of public school doors" by sectarian clergymen. Only if they see to it that the released-time program is eliminated, she said, "will Protestants be justified in opposing Catholic claims for public support of their parochial schools."

She also held that an "unrealistic Catholic leadership," though allegedly without support from Catholics generally, looks upon public health and welfare aid to parochial school children as a "stepping stone toward their ambition that their schools be recognized as an integral part of the American educational system, with the same rights as our public schools to public support."

Mrs. Meyer said that Catholic theologians, lawyers and historians are busy at attempts to destroy the First Amendment. She said that the American Bishops' recent statement on secularism was part of a campaign to "confuse Americans and create among us a distrust of our own most sacred institutions..." The result, she contended, is that "the leaders of the Catholic Church are becoming a serious threat to our national unity, stability and educational progress..."

Mrs. Meyer deplored the recent report of the non-sectarian American Council on Education on "The Relation of Religion to Public Education." She said that the Council, which had urged that religion be presented as an integral part of all branches of learning, had gone "further than any church groups have ever dared to go, in defying the American traditions of separation of Church and State."

As one "honest way of settling the controversy," Mrs. Meyer suggested a "Dismissed-time" system such as that employed by the French, under which the children have a whole afternoon free during the week for their religious instruction, but have to come to school on Saturday morning so that their total hours of schooling are not reduced. She indicated that in this way "the discipline,

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St. Mary's Center United Holy Name Services Dec. 14

Fort Wayne—United Holy Name Society representing all of the parish units in Fort Wayne and vicinity will hold its monthly Holy Hour at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, December 14, in St. Mary's church. The Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier, pastor of St. Mary's and host for the occasion will conduct the services and give the sermon. The Rev. Stanley L. Manoski, assistant at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and moderator of the United Society, will participate in the services, which close with Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament. Frank Hahn of St. Peter's parish is president of the Society. Special announcement of the Holy Hour was made in all of the churches, December 7 and a large attendance of the men is encouraged.

O'Donnell Portrait Unveiled At Notre Dame



Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C. S. C., president of the University of Notre Dame, unveils a portrait of the late Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C. S. C., former president of Notre Dame who died last summer. The painting is a gift of Joseph A. LaFortune, Tulsa, Okla., a member of the university board of lay trustees. Attending the unveiling were, left to right, Mrs. Hugh E. Hubbard, 1132 East Madison street, a sister of Mr. LaFortune, Father Cavanaugh, and two of Mr. LaFortune's brothers, Lucius LaFortune, Laporte, Ind., and Edmund LaFortune, 1014 North Eddy street. The portrait, painted by Robert Joy, Tulsa artist, will hang permanently with portraits of former Notre Dame presidents in the university parlors in the administration building.—Photo by Tribune Staff Photographer.

Peace Must Be Based On Morals, Says Dr. Gurian

Chicago, Ill. — Absolute peace throughout the world can be achieved only by world-wide adoption of the moral law, based on the existence of God as the creator of all being, Dr. Waldemar Gurian, Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame, declared Dec. 2 before the Chicago Institute for Religious and Social Studies at the Hotel Bismarck.

Dr. Gurian pointed out in his address before the Institute that although proposals have been made toward the end of an absolute harmony of mankind, the Catholic Church is against power politics or deifying some form of power, as well as against an utopianism which believes in a classless society.

"The Catholic Church is suspicious of a world state which will guarantee lasting peace," Dr. Gurian stressed. "For the Church knows that neither the power of a part of mankind nor mankind itself can achieve this. No international society, no Third Reich or no classless society, where politics are replaced by administration, no world state, which claims to exclude war absolutely, can be the eternal fatherland of men."

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Alumnae Celebrate At St. Augustine's



Fort Wayne.—Observance Sunday afternoon of the traditional "Homecoming" was the occasion of an outstanding function at St. Augustine's, where the Sisters of Providence, and the Alumnae association of which Miss Beatrice M. Kinder is president, cooperated in the reunion. Three hundred fifty invitations were issued, the majority of former graduates attending. Mrs. Louis Niezer, seated at end of the table, left and Mrs. Maurice Nussbaum, at right, presided at the silver tea and coffee urns. Standing, left to right, are: Mrs. Gerald Steckbeck, chairman of the reception committee; Mrs. James H. Fox, arrangements committee chairman; Mrs. John Hilker, a general co-chairman; the Rev. Stanley L. Manoski, assistant at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; Mrs. C. J. Garvin, co-chairman of the arrangements committee and Mrs. Walther H. Kiel, general chairman. Fr. Manoski was a speaker on the welcoming program held in the music studio and in the convent chapel officiated at benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament, alumnae members attending. The Sisters' choir sang for the occasion.—Courtesy Journal Gazette Staff Photo.

D. Of I. Sponsored Retreat December 5-7 At Kneipp Springs

Fort Wayne.—Seventy-five women attending, the annual retreat, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella, and under auspices of the Catholic Retreat Guild of which Mrs. Ella M. Schoppman is president, will open at the supper hour, Friday night, December 5, at Kneipp Springs, Rome City. The retreat will continue, through Saturday and part of Sunday, closing in the afternoon, on Dec. 7. The Herman Joseph Fister, O.F.M., a Franciscan from St. Louis, Mo., has been invited as retreat master by the Rev. Charles F. Girardot, pastor of St. Jude's church and chaplain of Our Lady of Victory circle, D. of I. who will attend the solemn closing. The Rev. Hubert Greb, C.P.P.S., chaplain at Rome City will also attend. Annual election of officers will feature the business meeting slated by the Guild for Sunday afternoon.

Mothers' Sodality To Enroll New Members

Fort Wayne.—Following the Holy Hour at 2:00 p. m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in St. Peter's Church, new members will be enrolled into the Christian Mothers' Sodality. The induction ceremony will be followed by a meeting which will feature election of officers in the school auditorium. The members will receive Communion in a body at the 8:00 o'clock Mass.

The Bishop's Chat

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To save the Christian family is precisely the chief task of the Catholic man. Do not forget: it depends on him, on what he is and what he wills, not less than on the mother herself. . .

4. *Loyalty and truthfulness in dealings with one another.* . . As a result of the incredible disturbances of the war and post-war period, it is disturbing to see to what extent fidelity and honesty have vanished in economic and social life. Such a symptom in this field is not merely an external fault of character, but reveals a serious internal disease, a spiritual poisoning which is also, to a large extent, the cause of religious anemia. . .

We believe that we cannot summarize better these your plans, for the success of which you are already working energetically, than with the motto you have chosen: Church, Family, Work. . . In the meantime, at the beginning of this second period impress on your minds the two following counsels:

(a) Be generous of heart. Whenever you meet, in the cause of Christ and of the Church, sincere good will, activity, intelligence, and wisdom, whether in your own ranks or outside Catholic Action even if they be new but solid forms of the apostolate, rejoice at them, do not hinder them; but keep on friendly terms with them and help them as often as your help is possible and desirable or expected. The needs for which the Church has to provide in the present time are so numerous and urgent that every hand which offers its generous cooperation is welcome.

(b) Keep always vivid in your mind and heart the ideal . . . of conquest, not merely of defense. . . He who limits himself to remain always on the defensive is losing slowly. In reality, Catholic Action means more than the mere cohesion of the Catholic faithful. Its ultimate aim is to regain what is lost and to advance to new conquests.

We would urge the local Councils of Catholic Men, the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name, the Foresters, the St. Vincent de Paul, to lend them-

selves to this great lay Catholic Action work in their respective communities. In cities the organization should be interparish. If the officers of these organizations could induce all their members to read the instructive articles contained in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, such as The Catechism for the Honest Inquirer, Father Quiz, etc., they would have that knowledge of their religion which the Holy Father is so desirous of having every Catholic possess.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Francis Hall
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

Edgar Kobak Named Chairman Of Council

Notre Dame, Ind.—Edgar Kobak, of New York City, President of the Mutual Broadcasting System, has been elected chairman of the Advisory Council for Science and Engineering at the University of Notre Dame, it was announced Dec. 3 by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame.

Mr. Kobak, who is a former student at Notre Dame, succeeds Harold Vance, Chairman of the Board at the Studebaker Corporation in South Bend, Ind., as Chairman of the Advisory Council. Bradley

Dewey, President of the Dewey and Almy Chemical Company in Cambridge, Mass., was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council. The vice-chairmanship is newly created office.

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A Weekly Message From Deanery Leaders To The Deanery Members

Gary Deanery

Mrs. Howard E. Carlson

The Social Action committee of the Deanery presented a demonstration of a study club in session at the general deanery meeting held at St. Mary of the Lake parish on December 2nd. The discussion covered the subject "What Is Social Justice?" and different parts were taken by Mrs. Joan MacIsaac, "What Is Social Action?"; Mrs. David Stanton, "The Role of Labor"; Miss Nettie Barman, "Protecting the Social Order"; Mrs. Alex Torie, "Legislation Concerning Social Order"; Miss Rose Schmal, "Meaning of a Living Faith" and "Rights of Minorities"; Mrs. John F. Jones, Explanation of the United Nations program. Reference was made to the Encyclicals from Pope Leo XIII to Pope Pius XII and to the rights and responsibilities of both the employer and the employee.

The Rev. H. James Conway, pastor, welcomed the ladies to the parish. Several members of the Hammond Deanery Council attended the meeting and Father Conway, who was the first spiritual director of the group when Gary and Hammond Deaneries were one, spoke of the early activities of the organization and the great need for Unity in Catholic Action at the present time.

Monsignor John A. Sullivan opened the business session with prayer and later gave a short talk on the responsibility of the lay apostolate.

Mrs. Peter Lennertz, deanery president, conducted the meeting and appointed the nominating committee to consider officers for the year 1948-49 as follows: Mrs. Alfred Garcia, Mrs. Clarence Vergey, Mrs. John Labus, Mrs. Frank Massa.

Various standing committee chairmen gave reports. Mrs. Chas. J. Walker, cooperating with Catholic Charities, announced that the Community Chest picture film is available for parish meeting programs throughout the year. She also made an appeal for foster and adoptive homes for small children and suggested that interested parties call the Catholic Social Service Bureau.

Miss Mary Kent and Mrs. J. G. Wilkinson, deanery and district chairmen of Libraries and Literature reported on books available on Catholic book shelves in public libraries.

Mrs. Frank Collins, Diocesan Youth chairman, who is also serving on the Gary Housing Committee, spoke on the problems of family and child welfare because of the National and local housing situation. In the near future 70 families will have to move out of housing projects because of legislation and there are not 70 available apartments in Gary for them to move into.

Mrs. Thomas J. Carlin, Immigration chairman, spoke of legislation on the bill regarding displaced persons.

Mrs. John Mario, president of District Three, announced that a local florist at 11th and Jackson Sts., Gary, will provide the setting for exhibition of the Deanery Christmas Crib from the middle of December until after the Greek Christmas holiday.

The Rev. Alvin Jasinski, pastor of the new parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Independence Hill attended the meeting as did also Mrs. John Lavenda, representing the women of the parish.

Mrs. Matthew Tetek, Diocesan Auditor, introduced the guests from Hammond Deanery who were Mrs. James McShane, Diocesan Study Club Chairman; Mrs. Leo Smith, Diocesan chairman of Catholic Education in public schools; Mrs. Vincent Bower, Diocesan libraries and literature, all of Hammond and Mrs. Albert Koslow of East Chicago, Hammond Deanery President.

The Rev. Joseph Hammes, Deanery Spiritual moderator, addressed the meeting briefly, stating that the Legion of Decency pledge was given in all churches in the Deanery within the octave of the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Michigan City Deanery

Mrs. John Barnes

On December 8 the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Rosary Sodality of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception church, unit of the NCCW, held a reception of new members and solemn enrollment and consecration of old members. The meeting took place in Marquette Hall and a Christmas party with a 25c gift exchange followed. Mrs. Ralph McCarten, president, was in charge.

A reminder is here made of the deanery meeting to be held at St. Peter's in LaPorte on Sunday, December 14, beginning at 1:30 with Holy Hour.

The soap and towel drive for the needy of Europe which was sponsored in the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception parish last week was successful. Towels, wash cloths, bar soap and flakes were donated in large amounts.

In observance of National Book Week recently, pupils of St. Mary grade school took part in poster contests, made displays and enjoyed a program in their library. Many of the posters entered in the contest carried original slogans to encourage more and better reading. James Marske, seventh grade, received first prize for his poster depicting James Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans." Paul Pittsford, sixth grade, furnished a poster on the "Battle of the Constitution" and the "Guerriere" to help illustrate "History through Poetry." Other pupils who chose to illustrate historical poems were Elaine Smith, Patricia Gruse and Alice Condon. A doll, "Little Miss Muffet" was dressed by Karen Nespo.

As a result of the eighth grade girls' special study of Louisa Alcott's books, Nancy Hogan and Patsy Phelan designed rooms from the "Orchard House" with scenes from other Alcott stories. Nancy Hogan was winner in the Alcott quiz which was sponsored.

A scene from "Evangeline" was represented by a house and furniture carved by Robert Flick.

Story book dolls added extra attraction to the various displays. A doll, dressed by Dorothy Zygmuntowski to represent the "Bride of Palm Sunday" was accompanied by four bridesmaids given by Marilyn Mallon.

Perhaps the loveliest display was that which depicted the apparition of the Blessed Lady to the children of Fatima, Portugal. The doll, which was dressed to represent Our Lady, was beautifully clad and held a rosary and scapular, was brought by Shirley Kaczmarek. The dolls which represented the children were given by Marilyn Werdine, Carol Kienitz and Annette Zawacki.

Book week closed with a program given by the seventh and eighth grades wherein biographical essays were delivered by winners in an essay contest sponsored by each of the home rooms. Feature of the program was a skit, "A Quandary," written and directed by Valerie Gulstrom, a student.

Hammond Deanery

Mrs. Chas. Van Valkenburg

Featured by the P.T.A. of St. John the Baptist school, Whiting, "Dads Night," proved to be a great success. Mrs. Cliff Morden, publicity chairman, reported that 300 actually registered that evening.

From 7 to 8 o'clock open house was held at the school where the parents were given an opportunity to talk to the Sisters in charge and review the works of their children which were exhibited in the classrooms.

At 8:15 a short business meeting was held in Benedict Hall with Mrs. Joseph Oliver, president, presiding.

The Rev. Michael Campagna of Hoosier Town, gave a very fine talk which was most enthusiastically received by the parents. He pointed out to them as parents, their responsibility regarding the importance of the right kind of education for their children.

An added treat which was very much enjoyed by all was the skit entitled "Christmas Eve in Slovakia," under the direction of Mrs. Mary Cengle Moldraski. Mrs. Moldraski is widely known in the Calumet region having made the third annual appearance at the Chicago Museum Festival on the program called "Christmas Around The World."

A social hour followed with Mrs. Joseph Gerba in charge. Co-chairman included the Mrs. Ted Price, Henry Sachar, Edward Sech, Geo. Visehak, Stephen Jurek, Geo. Feder, Joseph Companik, Anthony Companik, Joseph Punche, Geo. Fedorko, Thos. Ryan, Frank Strezo and John Krull. Next PTA meeting will be held in the afternoon of January 22nd, 1948, at which time the Whiting Red Cross Nurse will be the speaker.

Fort Wayne Deanery

Hazel C. Daugherty

The Our Lady of Good Council club of St. Catherine's Church, Nix Settlement, met recently at the home of Mrs. Al Wolfe. Eighteen members and two guests were present. Mrs. Andrew Johnson will serve as hostess on Jan. 6.

D. Of I. Hear Hinkel, Plan Christmas Party

South Bend—The Notre Dame circle of the Daughters of Isabella met in the Knights of Columbus clubrooms Monday evening, Dec. 1. Mrs. Ronald H. Witt, regent, presided. Mrs. William Black, program chairman, introduced Miss Edith Steele, in charge of the Riley High school Choral reading group who presented "Ballad for Americans." Also on the program were Miss Joan Japa, vocalist, and Miss Eleanor Raymond, pianist, who were introduced by Mrs. John Gonas. John V. Hinkel of the Catholic Theater of St. Joseph Valley, gave a short talk on the production, "The Joyous Season" by Philip Barry. Six new members were admitted into the group. It was decided as the major project in the charity work of the year, to give a movie projector to the Veterans hospital at Indianapolis. The annual Christmas party will be a dinner Dec. 18 in the Hotel LaSalle.

Bishop Graner First Installed In Moslem State

Dacca, India, Dec. 8.—(NC)—To an American-born prelate, Bishop Lawrence Graner, C.S.C., of Dacca, went the honor of being the first Bishop to be installed in eastern Pakistan since the establishment of the Moslem State.

Archbishop Ferdinand Perier, S.J., of Calcutta presided at the installation ceremonies, and a number of other India Bishops were in attendance. After his public profession of faith and his pledge of allegiance to the spiritual leadership of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, Bishop Graner proceeded to the throne to receive from his clergy pledges of loyalty and obedience.

After the Solemn Mass the Bishop addressed the congregation in both English and Bengali and imparted to it the Papal blessing which the Holy Father had asked him to give when Bishop Graner visited the Pontiff several weeks ago.

Bishop Graner is a native of Franklin, Pa., and is the first American to be made Bishop of Dacca, the capital of Bengal province. He was consecrated last April at Notre Dame University, where he was stationed at the time of his episcopal appointment. The new Bishop has spent most of his priestly life in the Bengali mission fields, serving as vicar general of the Dacca diocese in 1945 when his predecessor died. He returned to the United States that year to attend a general chapter of his community and was later elected to the provincial council of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Womans Catholic

Foresters Hold

Christmas Party

Fort Wayne—Antoinette court No. 870, W.C.O.F. entertained members with the Annual Christmas Party, on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Dehler Hughes Hall, 1021 S. Calhoun St. Festivities were in keeping with the Christmas Spirit and commenced at 6 p. m. with a "Pot Luck Supper." Entertainment consisting of games, music and singing of Christmas carols, a gift exchange and "Visit from Santa" followed. The Rev. N. J. Allgeier, pastor of St. Mary's and spiritual director of the court was guest speaker for the occasion.

Isabellas Donate To Indianapolis Home

Gary—A donation of \$25 to St. Elizabeth's home in Indianapolis was approved recently by members of the Bishop Noll circle, Daughters of Isabella, at their meeting in the K. of C. building.

Plans were made for a Christmas party to be in the form of a pot-luck supper. Mrs. Peter Billick was named chairman. Instead of a gift exchange, the members will bring toys for children of Catholic charities.

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Roy E. Grimmer Elected Head Of Catholic Charities

Fort Wayne—Roy E. Grimmer was elected president of Associated Catholic Charities at the largest meeting of the season, held Monday night at headquarters in the Central Building. He succeeded in office Atty. Henry Hasley who ably served as the leader for six years but declined re-election. Mr. Hasley will continue as an active member of the board. Both Mr. Grimmer and his predecessor are members of St. Jude's parish.

Mrs. Donnelly P. McDonald was elected vice president; Foss Smith, secretary, both are St. Patrick's parish members. Frank Freiburger, of St. Paul's parish, is the newly elected treasurer. Retiring president Hasley was given a vote of appreciation by the members attending.

The topic of discussion at the session covered the policies of the agency in a family and children's field. The opening talk was given by the Rev. W. Edward Sweigart, Diocesan Director of Associated Catholic Charities, Atty. Hasley and Miss Josephine Rabbitt, executive secretary, were speakers. A number of the local prelates and priests were in attendance. Among them, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, Cathedral; the V. Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Hoerstman, the Rev. Sebastian J. Kremer, C.P.P.S.

Perpetual Novena Miraculous Medal At Precious Blood

Fort Wayne—Conducted by the Rev. Sebastian J. Kremer, C.P.P.S., pastor, the Most Precious Blood church was the center of inspiring and largely attended services at 7:30 p. m. Monday, Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. They marked not only the solemn closing of the triduum in Mary's honor, but the presentation of the Living Rosary ceremony and establishment in the parish of the Perpetual Novena of the Miraculous Medal. Incident to this Novena, there will be devotions each Monday morning after 8 o'clock Mass, devotions and Benediction each Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. It is established in the parish with the hearty approval and approbation of the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne.

Mission, Triduum, Held At St. Paul's Solemnly Closed

Fort Wayne—The Rev. James J. Crowley, O.F.M., Oblate missionary with headquarters at St. Patrick's Mission house, Ligonier, closed on Saturday evening a most successful week's mission at St. Paul's church of which the V. Rev. Msgr. John F. Nadolny, is pastor. He was also in charge of the triduum in honor of the Immaculate Conception. The children's mission closed at 3 p. m. when the blessing of the infants and children of pre-school age in the parish, was the occasion of an impressive service.

Funeral Services For War Veteran

Fort Wayne — Funeral services were conducted here Wednesday for First Lt. Robert J. Neher, Jr., 28, who was killed in action, January 4, 1945, while serving with the 82nd Air-borne Division in Europe. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 9 a. m. Wednesday in St. Joachim's church, Chicago, after which the body was brought to Mungovan & Sons Mortuary, Fort Wayne. The V. Rev. Msgr. John A. Bapst, pastor of St. Peter's church, led in the prayers, after which the burial took place in the Catholic cemetery. American Legion Post No. 47 held military services at the grave. Lt. Neher, a frequent visitor to Fort Wayne worked in the Union Station, Chicago before entering the service. He is a nephew of John and Joseph Neher, Fort Wayne. Survivors also include his mother, Marie, Chicago, a brother, Donald, and a sister, Mariene, both of Chicago.

Pupils Make Fast Strides In New Land



Mishawaka—Buckling down to work is paying dividends these days for Agnes and Michael Vaerewyck, Belgian immigrants who were enrolled in the St. Bavo parochial school shortly after arrival in that city early in October.

In fact, Sister M. Martina, school superior and teacher of the first grade in which the children are enrolled, says they are making remarkable progress. They are eager and alert, she says. She had them demonstrate for a visitor.

Eight-year-old Agnes gave her full name in English and wrote several two and three-letter words on the blackboard. Six-year-old Michael, after introducing himself, completed some simple arithmetic on the board.

The children, probably two of the youngest immigrants to the South Bend-Mishawaka area, are living with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Vaerewyck, and a brother, Wilfred, five, in the home of Mr. Vaerewyck's uncle, Alfons, 124 West Ninth Street, Mishawaka.—Tribune Staff Photo.

Hammond Vets Report Memorial Service Success

Hammond—The members of Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Post No. 215, at their recent meeting, heard the Committee's Report on the success of the 4th Annual Memorial Service and Solemn Pontifical Military Mass offered in honor of the 59 Gold Stars and 1774 veterans who served from the six Catholic parishes of Hammond. The Post voted to express public thanks to all veterans organizations and individuals who participated in the success of the occasion; especially the Hammond Times, Noll Catholic Central High School Band, and the American Legion Firing Squad.

It was announced that the Post's third annual Christmas drive for funds to sustain its Rehabilitation and Service Fund is now in progress. It has been the organization's policy not to interfere with other veterans' organizations tag days and fund raising plans on the streets of Hammond, but to confine its annual effort for funds to a direct mail solicitation campaign, which has proven very successful in the past two years, by the generous response thereto of its many contributors.

Plans also were formulated for the annual membership drive of the organization to be conducted during the month of January. Post No. 215 is distinctive in that it was the first post of the Catholic War Veterans of the U. S. A. chartered in the state of Indiana and has accomplished the organization of seven additional posts in this state.

Young Peoples' Club Elects New Officers

East Chicago—When members of the St. Patrick's Young Peoples Club met recently, they elected the following officers for the coming year: president, Edward Paulson; vice president, Mary Lou Gintner; corresponding secretary, Loretta Peters; recording secretary, Sally Cahill; treasurer, Bernard Paulson.

Rural Life

Msgr. Ligutti At Manchester

Of most special NCCW interest to our diocesan women were stirring words of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. Ligutti, delivered in the North Manchester College, on Dec. 5, at the Sixth Annual Rural Life Association.

Before a packed audience of keen interest, Msgr. L. Ligutti, of National Catholic Rural Life Conference, masterfully dwelt on "Who Wants to Live in the Country." The woman, as queen of the home is so vital a factor in success of land living as a successful way of life.

In the evening session a memorable panel on land Industrial Life and Cooperative was chaired by Sumner A. Mills with Larry Brandon, Indiana Farm Bureau; Kermit Eby, Educational Director of CIO, Washington; Albert Ferris, Legislation; Monsignor Ligutti, Executive Secretary NCRLC, and Errol T. Elliot, Moderator.

Most keen-apt, and spell binding interest followed the mature discussion by these leaders. Mutual interest and collaboration by NCRLC and Rural Life Association of the Peace Churches, has been of satisfying fact under the leadership of Monsignor Ligutti and Stanley Hamilton as Executive Secretaries in our Diocesan area.

The Rev. H. J. Miller, of the Diocesan CRLC, attended the sessions. Grailville-Loveland-Christmas School of Apostolate, Dec. 27-Jan. 1, featuring Common Prayer, Study Work, Feasting Reposing, Christmas Spirit. Ages 16-26. Deadline, Dec. 26th, Grailville, Loveland, Ohio.

Three Missionaries Africa-Bound

Ottawa, Dec. 8 (NC)—Three members of the Holy Ghost community recently left for Africa where they will join Father Roberts, another Canadian member of the order, in mission work in English Nigeria. The three are the Revs. Andre Vigneault, of Montreal, and Lionel Grondin, of Abitibi, and Brother Robert of Abitibi.

Daughters Of Mary Elect Officers And Schedule Program

Whiting—An election of officers took place at the December meeting of the Daughters of Mary Sodality of St. John the Baptist Church. Dorothy Vidovich was re-elected president; Mildred Spilly, vice-president; Eleanor Lissy, recording secretary; Dorothy Patrick, financial secretary; Lillian Papach, treasurer, and Cecilia Grenchik, chaplain. Father Edward Homco is moderator for the group.

Plans were discussed for the theater party on December 19 in Chicago. The annual party will be held on January 14 at Phil Smith's. Reservation may be made by calling Dorothy Vidovich, Dorothy Bodney, Lillian Jefschak, Dolores Cross, Mary Ann Timko, or Mildred Spilly.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7. The group will also receive communion in a body at the 9 o'clock Mass on December 21.

Rosary Officers St. John's Elected

Fort Wayne—St. John the Baptist parish Rosary society at its quarterly meeting held Sunday afternoon in the Community room of the school held an election of officers, followed by a Christmas party and gift exchange. Mrs. Harry L. Souba was elected president; Mrs. Fred P. Bopp, vice-president; Mrs. William Louthan, secretary and Mrs. Martin F. Noll, treasurer.

Dr. Francis Brown Sets Encyclicals In New Format

Notre Dame, Ind.—A new series of indexed Papal Encyclicals prepared by Dr. Francis J. Brown, Professor of Economics at the University of Notre Dame, is the subject of a major article in the religious section of "Newsweek" magazine for the week of December 8th.

"Newsweek" told the story of the ten year effort of Dr. Brown to bring Papal Encyclicals to the people in an easy-to-read, easy-to-understand format. The refusal of publishers to consider the idea worthwhile led Dr. Brown, his brother Austin, a Chicago writer, leader, and sister-in-law, to invest \$25,000 in Outline Press, Inc., a new organization.

The first 15,000 copies already are one-third sold-out, "Newsweek" reported, and the demand from Catholic and non-Catholic educators, public leaders and students deems it likely that a second large printing will be necessary.

The first publication is an outline, complete text and index of the famed "Quadragesimo Anno" of Pope Pius XI. Two more encyclicals are due to be presented in a similar popular fashion before the end of the year.

"Newsweek" related the difficulties that faced the pioneers in the new presentation of the encyclicals. The office was established at 2308 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ill., in what was once a tropical fish store. Today, said "Newsweek", the fish tanks have been replaced by the fifty cent paper bound books and by a flood of orders.

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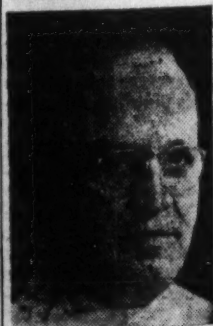
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Advent Thoughts Which Show The Close Association Of Jesus And Mary

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Pastors, Attention!

THE annual Church Support edition of *Our Sunday Visitor* will be published on January 4, the first Sunday of the New Year. Because of the continued paper shortage, it will be possible for us to supply only those orders for this edition which reach us on or before Wednesday, December 24. We ask, therefore, that pastors send in their orders for additional copies of the January 4 issue now.

An Expert Answers Questions On Spain

RICHARD PATTEE, who speaks Spanish as fluently as any native educated Spaniard, has just returned home after spending months in Spain, where he had perfect freedom to interview all and sundry persons from General Franco down to the peasants. In an article contributed to *The Catholic World*, he has presented a picture of Spain quite different from that which had, over a period of more than ten years, been thrust on Americans.

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THE true place which Mary occupies in the redemption of the human race will be gleaned from considerations herewith submitted.

The fall of the human race is to be attributed to Adam who, before the creation of Eve, possessed alone the human nature which you and I have inherited. The human race was placed on trial through him. But when he was denounced by Almighty God for his disloyalty and disobedience he charged "the woman whom Thou gavest me led me into sin."

In his letter to Timothy (I Tim. II, 13-14) St. Paul blames Adam alone inasmuch as no outside tempter deceived him, "for Adam was formed first, then Eve," and "Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and was in sin."

The first Eve listening to a fallen angel under the guise of a serpent was the first to disobey God and prepare the way for the fall of man. It was, therefore, fitting that the second Eve hearkening to the angel of truth, should, by her obedience prepare the way for the Redemption.

The author of the "Ave Maris Stella" notes that the angel greeted Mary in the reverse of Eve's name. The Latin word for Eve is Eva; turned around it reads Ave; and in his greeting to Mary he began with the word "Ave."

Father Southwell well expressed the idea and the contrast between Mary and Eve in the following verse:

Spell Eva back and Ave shall you find;
The first began, the last reversed our harms;
An Angel's witching words did Eva bind,
An Angel's Ave disenchants the charms.
Death first by Woman's weakness entered in.
In Woman's virtue Life doth now begin.

If woman was in the "transgression" (I Tim. II, 13) so was it decreed that she should be in the "Reparation" or Redemption.

Isaac Compared With Christ

Fathers of the Church in the early centuries were wont to compare Sarah, the wife of Abraham, to Mary and her son, Isaac, to Christ. If you will reflect a bit you will readily agree that the comparison is very apt. After the destruction of most of the human race through the deluge God gave Abraham a position quite similar to that of Adam. He made him "the father of a great people." You will recall how God the Father ordered him to sacrifice his son, Isaac, and in that Isaac was a

figure of Christ. God tested Abraham's faith and obedience as he tested that of Adam, but because he was faithful, despite his love for his only child, an angel intervened, in God's name, to prevent the sacrifice. God looks to the will and to the heart, and in His eyes Abraham had done what he was asked to do.

Sarah And Mary

If Abraham represented Almighty God in his willingness to immolate his own son, we should look for some similarity between Sarah and Mary, and that similarity is almost perfect. When she was 90 years old, and Abraham, her husband, was more than 100, God promised her that she would have a son and become the mother of a great nation. It seemed to be so unreasonable because it was outside all the laws of nature. But she did become the mother of that son, and on that occasion said: "God hath given me cause to light with joy; whosoever shall hear it shall laugh with me" (Gen. XXI, 6).

You will recall that Mary was equally surprised when an angel from Heaven told her, a virgin, that she would have a son. Her answer to the angel was: "How shall this be done because I know not man?" (Luke I, 34). But like Sarah she had implicit trust and confidence in the promise of God and offered herself in these words: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word" (Luke I, 38).

The word Isaac means "the son of joy." Was not Christ also a "son of joy?" Was He not heralded by the angel on the occasion of His birth as the source of "good tidings of great joy to all the people?"

A touching incident is related in Genesis (I, 12-13). God had ordered Abraham to go to Egypt and, of course, he obeyed, but as he approached that country, fearing that he might meet with ill-treatment he said to Sarah: "Say, therefore, pray thee, that thou art my sister, that I may be well used for thee, and that my soul may live for thy sake."

God Demanded Most Of Mary

St. Bonaventure draws a lesson from this incident and applies it to Mary whom he addresses: "All holy woman, being our only Sarah, we ask you very humbly, to say that you are our sister, as only in this way we can hope to be received well by God and that our lives and our souls may be saved."

You can image what sort of suffering pierced the heart of

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Slavery Spreads Throughout Red-Occupied Nations In Europe

BY REV. RICHARD GINDER

IN a recent issue of *The New Leader*, Mr. Eugene Lyons proposes that an International Commission to Combat Slavery be established without delay. Since this is the main article in that issue of *The New Leader*, a publication widely circulated among the more intelligent American liberals, there is good reason to believe that the editors, in their support of Lyons' proposal, will secure the backing of a considerable group of influential persons throughout the land—men able to implement and carry out his proposition.

In explanation, Mr. Lyons says: "The fact is that slavery, with the State as slave-master, has become an accepted, systematized institution in the world's largest country; that it is more cruel, more barbarous, than any of the slave institutions from ancient Greece to the American South; that it is spreading rapidly to Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Hungary wherever Soviet domination is established."

When slavery existed within the borders of our own country (and, compared with conditions in the Soviet today, to a relatively small extent), we had William Lloyd Garrison and John Brown; the country was in a very fever of abolitionism, culminating finally in the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln.

Slavery In Russia

But now, because the abomination is rather distant and perhaps because it is on such a vast scale, our Christian sensibility has become dull and we are numb-stu-

pid, before an evil almost too great to be apprehended.

"The population of forced-labor camps—colonies and concentration camps in the Soviet Union," says Mr. Lyons, "is variously estimated at between 10 million and 20

million. Only the Kremlin knows the truth. But when horror reaches such dimensions, statistics become meaningless. What's important is the fact, not the figure."

(Stalin is reported to have remarked that when one person starves, it is a tragedy; but when a million starve, it becomes statistics.)

One factor in the deplorable American apathy over these conditions is our national wane of faith. Fifty or a hundred years ago, the American public had deep convictions regarding the unimaginable dignity of the individual. Protestants and Catholics alike believed that each person, no matter how lowly or obscure, was worth the totality of Christ's blood.

But our belief in man's value depends on and is proportionate with our belief in God. The more we love God, the more we'll do for our neighbor. As we treat God, so we treat our neighbor. It's practically an equation. Let faith chill, then, as it has during this twentieth century, and we're going to see a reduction in regard for man's dignity.

This whole development has been speeded along by political events of the last few decades: the mass slaughter by which Red Fascism was first installed; the Nazi blood-purge and the first inklings of sub-human goings-on in German concentration camps; the all-out drive against German Jews; occasional announcements of "population transfers," of "liquidations" running to hundreds of thousands.

After such conditioning, it was

not hard for our western statesmen deliberately to consign a whole nation (Poland) to political servitude for the sake of a good

which, foolishly, they imagined would eventuate in the near or remote future. But that is beside the point...

Red Slavery Must Be Spot-Lighted

The point is that slavery today, wherever it exists, must be spotlighted. It must be headlined. Mr. Lyons proposes an unofficial commission "of perhaps 25 men and women of all nations whose names and records would constitute a guarantee of integrity, decency, and intelligence. It would include great jurists, religious leaders, historians, journalists, scientists, elder statesmen, social workers, humanitarians. The kind of group which in the aggregate would be immune to totalitarian 'smear' techniques—which would have the moral authority to speak and act for the conscience of mankind."

The committee would sit in Berlin, Paris, Rome, London, New York, where escaped slaves could be interviewed by the tens of thousands. It would have press, radio, and newsreel coverage on the scale of the Nuremberg trials. It would demand the right to investigate areas of its choice, and nations refusing cooperation would present impressive circumstantial evidence of their guilt.

"Every leverage of public opinion, every channel to the world's mind and conscience, must be utilized fully," according to Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Vishinsky has lately denied that there is such a thing as slavery in the U.S.S.R. And Professor Fairchild of N.Y.U., after reading Lyons' article in *The New*

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Correction!

Our *Sunday Visitor* in the issue of October 19 published an article by Martin Quigley, president of Quigley Publishing Company, New York City, publishers of a group of business papers of the motion picture industry including *Motion Picture Herald* and *Motion Picture Daily*.

Mr. Quigley's article was based on an address he made to the press, radio and motion picture section of the Provincial Eucharistic Congress held in Buffalo in September. The thesis of the article was that if the opinion-forming agencies, including the press, radio and motion pictures, were left unaided and unprotected by right-thinking persons in face of current trends toward irreligion and immorality they are liable to become harmful influences upon the individual and the nation.

In publishing the article *Our Sunday Visitor* placed over it a headline which was misrepresentative of the article itself. In one paragraph as printed there was an omission of a word which substantially changed the meaning as intended by the author.

Our *Sunday Visitor* is pleased to publish this correction and to offer its apologies to Mr. Quigley.

Pledge Of The Legion Of Decency

TODAY in all churches of the United States the pledge of the Legion of Decency will be renewed. Take that pledge and keep it. Here it is:

"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

"I condemn indecent and immoral pictures and those which glorify crime or criminals. I promise to unite with all who protest against them."

"I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life."

"As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to see only good pictures. I promise further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show pictures that can be an occasion of sin."

In many dioceses cooperation with the National Organization for Decent Literature is also pledged, in these words:

"I further promise that recognizing my obligation of conscience I will not buy or read papers, magazines, or books that offend against the virtue of holy purity. Out of love for our Lord, Who loves pure souls, I will prize above all things this beautiful virtue in thought, word, and deed. Amen."

'U. S. Christian Simplicity' Called Model For Europe To Follow By Dutch U. N. Envoy

Dr. Marga Klompe Talks Of Woman's Role In Politics, Culture; Recalls Dutch Women's Reaction To Pope Pius' Talk

BY ELISE LAVELLE

New York, Dec. 8—(NC)—In their good works and social welfare programs, U. S. Catholics are animated by a "simplicity of heart" Europeans would do well to emulate, Dr. Marga Klompe, Catholic alternate delegate of the Netherlands to the United Nations General Assembly, said in an exclusive interview here before leaving for Holland after attending the U. N. sessions at Lake Success.

"Here you feel God is a good Father and will take over," she said. "That is an attitude I think we should do well to take from Catholic Americans. You are more simple in your hearts than European Catholics. Therefore you have more hope and confidence. We in Europe are inclined to start every good work with too many restrictions of theology, philosophy, and so forth. We are inclined to be cynical. Perhaps that is the result of the war."

Dr. Klompe said that although she found American women in general more interested in political and cultural affairs than Dutch women, she thought that in Holland more women have more important government jobs than women have in the United States.

She noted that the important post of secretary to the Queen of the Netherlands is held by a Catholic woman, that a woman is director of the Queen's Cabinet and, in the Netherlands diplomatic service, there is one woman Consul.

"Six per cent of our Parliament is composed of women," she continued. "One of these women is a Catholic. That is not enough. Next year, we want a ten per cent representation of women in our two Chambers and we want more Catholics."

Dr. Klompe took issue with persons who hold that women follow men's lead in world affairs and government matters.

"Women approach problems in quite another way," she said. "I believe only a combination of the two approaches can solve world problems."

Discussing women's contributions to Catholic Action in Holland, Dr. Klompe said they come together in small groups, the members of which have the same interests and the same duties.

"For example" she continued, "in a parish, the mothers of school children will be brought together for intimate discussion of problems that affect them and their children. Unmarried women or professional women are formed into other groups. It takes time and energy and organization but we find it pays."

"After the Pope's address to women in 1945, 250 Catholic teachers, social workers and other professional women were organized into small study groups which meet for three days every three months. They are trained in political thinking and instructed in political problems of the moment. They are also taught to help other women organize similar groups."

Dr. Klompe said that in Holland, women's ability to contribute to public life was recognized during the occupation, when they distinguished themselves in the Resistance.

A former high school teacher, Dr. Klompe herself came into the Dutch national picture as a result of her work in the Resistance. She was also vice president of the Dutch Women's Voluntary Services, a national social welfare organization.

Carroll Hall At Notre Dame Renovated

Notre Dame, Ind.—Historical Carroll Hall, an undergraduate study hall in the West wing of the Notre Dame Administration Building for more than sixty years, has been renovated into new offices for the Alumni Association, the Notre Dame Foundation and the Department of Public Information at the University of Notre Dame.

Individual offices have been constructed in Carroll Hall for James E. Armstrong, Alumni Secretary and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Notre Dame Foundation, and for John V. Hinkel, Director of Public Information at Notre Dame, and their large staffs. A large conference room also is featured in the new layout.

Morally Responsible Leaders Needed To Preserve Democracy

Detroit, Mich.—Catholic colleges and universities strengthen American democracy by developing morally-responsible leaders who respect the inalienable rights of all men, the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame said here December 5, in an address to the First Friday Club of Detroit, at the Hotel Book-Cadillac.

Stressing that the United States desperately needs morally responsible leaders, Father Cavanaugh added that "while many of our friends of this country have been attempting to believe that the world would get along better without God, we have continued to support our vast educational system, our grammar schools and high schools, and colleges and universities, at tremendous expense, in the belief that this system would not only save the lives of individuals but would save the world."

Natural Law Institute At N. D., Dec. 13

Notre Dame, Ind.—"If Natural Law is without validation, then might must be right and our traditional conception of justice must consequently and logically surrender to brute force," the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, said Dec. 9, as the university prepared to welcome nationally known educators, clergymen, judges, lawyers and other public leaders to its Natural Law Institute on December 12 and 13.

The alternative to Natural Law is chaos, Father Cavanaugh added. He announced that the institute would illustrate and validate the connection between the Positive Law and the Natural Law, and between the Natural Law and the Eternal Law of God.

The Institute is being financed by the Notre Dame Alumni Club of New York. The Honorary Chairman will be the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Bishop of Buffalo, N. Y., and former President of Notre Dame, while Father Cavanaugh will serve as chairman of the meeting.

Notre Dame Alumni Holds Observance

Notre Dame, Ind.—Thousands of alumni of the University of Notre Dame and their families throughout the world attended Communion Breakfasts Sunday, Dec. 7, in their various localities in observance of Notre Dame's tenth annual Universal Communion Sunday honoring the Blessed Virgin at Patroness of the United States.

The memory of deceased Notre Dame alumni and former students—especially the 329 Notre Dame men who died in World War 11—and of benefactors and other friends of the University, also was honored at these breakfasts. The largest gatherings were in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, Indianapolis, Buffalo, N. Y., Fort Wayne, Ind., and other principal cities throughout the United States.

IT HAPPENED IN PRISON



In St. John Bosco Chapel, Elmira Reformatory, N. Y., Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester is seen vesting Monsignor Francis J. Lane, chaplain of the institution, in the robes of a domestic prelate. One of the most well-known penal institution chaplains in the country, Msgr. Lane, after 25 years' service to society's outcasts, had the distinction of being principal in what is believed to be the first investiture ceremony to take place in an institution of this kind. Catholic Courier photo. 'NC Photos'

Father Cavanaugh Serves On Committee

Notre Dame, Ind.—The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, accepted an invitation from the Hon. James Forrestal, Secretary of Defense, to serve on a special civilian committee to study present pay schedules of the Armed Forces and make recommendations for possible revision upward of those schedules because of high living costs. The committee conferred with Secretary Forrestal at Washington on December 10.

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Soviet Zone In Germany Holds 3,308,668 Catholics

1,324 Priests Try Under Greatest Handicaps To Serve Overflowing Flock

By Max Jordan

Berlin, Dec. 8—(NC)—There is now a total of 3,308,668 Catholics in the Soviet zone of occupation in Germany, according to latest statistics. Of these, 1,158,668 resided in the zone at the end of the war, while 2,150,000 came in afterwards as refugees and expelled from the eastern province annexed by Russia and Poland. 1,324 priests are now on duty in the zone, 500 of them refugees.

Most of the refugee priests are extremely poor, having lost everything in their exodus. Clothing, shoes and transportation are their most urgent needs.

Only one Catholic publisher has so far been licensed in the Russian zone, but he is overburdened with orders from the Soviet administration and unable to get out any Catholic publications. Soviet authorities have opened a special department for "Leninism" at the university of Leipzig. Students willing to take part in these courses are given a monthly compensation of between 350-400 marks and one food parcel per month.

On the other hand, all Catholic activities continue to be severely handicapped by the communist-controlled secret police which has its stooges everywhere. Otto Galus, a Catholic youth leader, recently disappeared after attending a meeting of his group. Werner Ihmels, prominent in the Protestant movement of Saxony, suffered the same fate together with a number of young students.

Only two recent items that are not depressing can be reported in this connection. The Sisters of Charity were authorized to reopen their Catholic hospital in Dresden and to rebuild their chapel which was destroyed in an air raid. The Russians have also permitted the opening of a seminary for students of the former Archdiocese of Breslau in Neuzelle, near Guben.

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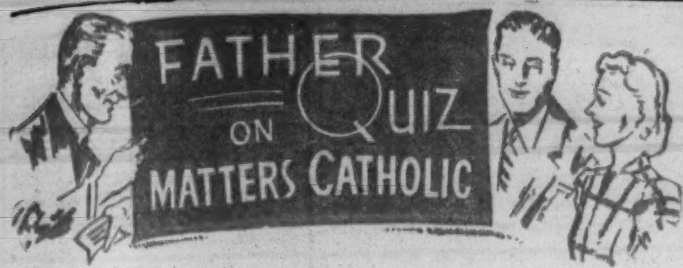
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FATHER QUIZ ON MATTERS CATHOLIC

May a marriage be annulled because of fraud? For instance, a party of my acquaintance joined the Catholic Church in order to get her man, but after the marriage declared that she had not intended to practice her faith.

Fraud is adjusted by the Church as a reason for a declaration of nullity. By this it is meant that if the deception was such, that had the other party of the marriage known of it he would not have entered the marriage, the marriage would not have been valid. Hence it would not be a case of a dissolution of a valid marriage, but a decision that there was no marriage because of existing fraud.

But all this must be proved before an Ecclesiastical Court. When a man or woman embraces the Catholic religion it is assumed that he was sincere. When he is signing a document, declares under oath that he acted with perfect freedom, then it is to be assumed that he did sign freely and sincerely. Nobody may be a witness in his own behalf. Therefore the mere declaration by a person that he was not sincere will not suffice.

I am sure it is clear to you that any court will antecedently assume that a person who, with perfect freedom, signed a document and declared that he signed without any force or pressure exerted on him, meant what he signed.

Therefore proof from other sources must be had that the fraud was deliberate and intentional, and that the party deceived would not otherwise have agreed to the marriage.

I have read about "The Spiritual Formation School" conducted for young Catholic women at Grailville, near Cincinnati. Would you kindly tell us its purpose?

The place known as Grailville is near Loveland, Ohio, which receives young women and trains them for the Lay Apostolate. It is located on a farm comprising 186 acres, which is worked for the benefit of the student. But some of its buildings have been converted into dormitories and craft centers.

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The Grail movement originated in Holland and the directress of the school is Dr. Lydwina van Keirsbergen, who came from that country to the United States some years ago to promote the movement here. This movement is based on the fundamental idea that one must be fired with the spirit of Christ if she is to promote His cause with any efficiency.

Thinking With God

FRANCIS P. LeBUFFE, S.J.

They came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. St. Luke 2:16.

They came with haste—after mutually encouraging each other: "Let us go to Bethlehem, and let us see this word which has come to pass" . . . putting aside the ordinary duties of their ordinary lives . . . so must we "come in haste"—especially at this Christmas-tide . . .

but every day too—for every day we have Christ coming again at Mass . . . and every day we can find Him on our altars . . . and every day we can cradle Him within us in Holy Communion . . .

And they found Mary and Joseph—that is our true Catholic heritage: Jesus, and, with Him, Mary and Joseph . . . do I love them as I ought . . . do I try to catch from them a little of their love for Him . . . And the infant lying in the manger—no pomp and grandeur there, but only "omnipotence in bonds" . . . no show of power there, but only gentleness to win our love . . . do I love Him as much as I should? . . . do I love Him all I can? . . . do I offer Him the one Christmas gift He wants: myself, completely, unreservedly? . . .

Dear Lord Jesus, I want to thank You for Your coming. The world was hopelessly dark without You. It is dark enough since You came; but it would be very bright if only we all loved You as we should, and gave ourselves entirely to You. Help me dear Jesus to give myself to You entirely and then the world will be better for all of us.

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Right or Wrong

Editors' views on current events

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Answering the charge that Spain had been Fascist he says: "The theory of the Spanish State is very far from the conception that underlay Fascism in Italy or Germany . . . In education, for instance, the Franco regime has followed basically what may be called the Christian idea in the matter." He told that Article 2 of the law on primary education expressly states that "the family shall be free to choose the place and conditions under which children shall be educated."

Replying to the charge that the government of Spain was with the Axis during the war, he writes: "One of the most stupendous absurdities in the whole situation is that eight years after the civil war, the world has suddenly discovered that Spain is Fascist, an ally of the Axis during the war and consequently unfit for association with decent peoples . . . Between November, 1936, and May, 1939, virtually every country on earth recognized the Franco regime as the legitimate government of Spain."

The only governments which did not recognize the Franco regime were the Soviet Union and Mexico.

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then more Communist-minded than it is today.

Dr. Pattee observed further: "If recognition was extended without difficulty in 1939, how then can the same nations justify the breaking of diplomatic relations now, in 1947, eight years afterward, for reasons that antedate 1939?"

Did Franco Help The Axis Powers?

About Spain's contribution to the Axis he denies that it was half as great as that of many other countries which are honored by a place in the United Nations. He says that Spain was bent on one single thing: "To keep out of the war at whatever cost and save the nation from invasion."

German mechanized divisions were on the very shores of Spain after the fall of France. Mr. Pattee writes in this connection:

"It is patently unjust and dishonest to accuse Spain in international bodies as well as in the press of crimes against neutrality of which other European States were also guilty. Every European neutral was hard pressed to keep out of the conflict. Every one of them, and especially those that had Panzer Divisions on their frontiers, had to make concessions. This included Sweden, Turkey and Switzerland as well as Spain. The argument is perfectly valid that if these other nations were constrained to admit violations of their neutrality in the name of self-preservation, Spain cannot logically be singled out as the target of accusations of collaborationism."

Case Of Sweden

"Sweden is the one country on the continent whose problem of neutrality is most analogous to that of Spain. After April, 1940, with the invasion of Norway and Denmark, the Swedish government made every effort to ward off the possibility of German hostility. Sweden granted, as we all know, free passage for German troops and materials going to Norway. Sweden contributed to the war against the Soviet Union through the use of her railways for the transportation of a whole division of the Wehrmacht from Norway to Finland. German troops on leave were free to use Swedish facilities. The Stockholm government allowed the enlistment of volunteers for the war against Russia. The Swedish White Book, recently published, reveals that some 262,000 German troops crossed Sweden in 1940. The Norwegian government in exile protested more than once to Stockholm that young Norwegians seeking to escape their occupied homeland were arrested at the frontier and turned back into Norway. Spain, as Mr. Hayes has written, closed its eyes to thousands of Frenchmen crossing the country to Africa to join the Free French. It was not until July, 1943, when Allied victory began to seem probable, that Sweden forbade the passage of German troops over her territory.

"Sweden produced enormously for the German war industry, and precisely the machine parts for which the factories in Germany were being bombed. When the American and British governments protested to Sweden, the latter replied that the commercial agreement with Germany forced it to continue these exports. The trade with Germany in vital materials stopped only with the invasion of

France, when Sweden was no longer fearful of German attack. Some of this contrasts with the obdurate refusal of the Spanish government to allow anything like German military display in that country. On one occasion the Germans attempted to parade in San Sebastian which was promptly forbidden. They never tried again to show their might on Spanish soil.

That Of Turkey

"The case of Turkey is even more significant. It reveals the extent to which a nation must go when the imperatives of a force majeure leave it no other alternative. Yet in spite of this long story of obligatory collaborationism, Turkey is today a member of the United Nations and mover in the respectable company of that august body. Spain, which collaborated far less and in plain fact aided the Allies far more, is ostracized as so befouled that she cannot hope to circulate among peace-loving and decent-minded people. Turkish diplomacy was a long series of blowing hot and then cold. Bound to Britain by a treaty, Turkey signed a commercial agreement with Germany on April 26, 1941. In June a non-aggression and friendship pact was signed between the two countries. After the German invasion of Russia, Turkey reaffirmed the cordiality of Germano-Turkish relations. The Allies put tremendous heat on Turkey to bring her into the war. As late as 1944, London and Washington placed an embargo against Turkey as punishment for the shipment of chromium to Germany. During the first part of 1944, the British government revealed that Turkey had shipped 14,800 tons of this mineral to Germany and 1,870 to the Allies. On April 14th, the American and British ambassadors handed Ankara a formal protest over this matter. In June, 1944, after the Normandy invasion, the Turkish government repudiated the authorization of passage of German vessels through the Straits, an arrangement expressly forbidden by international agreement. The Soviet Union denounced Turkish collaborationism while Germany insisted up to the end in Turkish participation against Russia. The Turks, as the Swedes and Spanish, were caught flat between the vice of two great giants in combat.

And Switzerland

"Switzerland can hardly be called anything but the most peace-loving country in Europe . . . Swiss industry in its entirety worked for Germany from the summer of 1940 onward. This was enormously important in view of the significance of Swiss production of precision instruments and the like. In July, 1941, through agreement, Switzerland made available to Germany the electric power normally supplied to France. Swiss industry, moreover, was forced to deal with Poland, Luxembourg and other countries entirely through the Berlin clearing house. The Normandy campaign freed the Swiss from this incredible position. But does it prove that the Swiss were Fascists or collaborationists or desirous of an ultimate German victory?

"I suggest these points because the analogy is absolute. There is no conceivable basis on which Spain, no matter what the nature of its regime—can be judged for acts during the War which were committed with impunity and in greater measure by other neutrals whose situation was similar. If Spain is to be judged collaborationist before the world and doomed to everlasting exclusion from the concert of nations, then Sweden and Turkey ought to be treated in like manner."

Onesimo Redondo, a co-founder of the Falange, back in 1933, wrote: "The height of the absurd is to propose that Spain imitate the example of Hitler or of Mussolini."

On March 3, 1935, Primo de Rivera stated: "The world needs desperately a new order. This order must stem from the dignity of the individual as such. We consider the human person as the fundamental unit. Let those who accuse us of a kind of State pantheism take note."

Another founder of the Falange Garcia Valdecasas, wrote, in the midst of the war when the Axis was holding its acutest position: "The State for us is not an end in itself. The State is simply an instrument to protect certain

Shrine Notes

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A man in spiritual need writes: "I vowed to Mary that I would make a donation to the National Shrine if she procured for me that which would promote my domestic happiness. She granted what I asked for and, therefore, I am fulfilling my pledge."

A mother writes: "My offering herewith enclosed is a very small thing in return for all the help Mary has given my husband, our seven small children and myself."

A California couple writes: "My husband and I promised \$50.00 towards Mary's National Shrine if she would help us dispose of a piece of property. It had to be done within forty-eight hours. We succeeded and, therefore, are sending our check."

A New Jersey couple writes: "In making our contribution we accompany our offering with a prayer to Mary for the conversion of Russia."

Another couple writes: "Our contribution, of course, is to the Shrine, but it is offered with the request for Mary to intercede with Jesus to send us a child soon and to make us worthy of such a gift when it does come."

A Pennsylvania woman writes: "My offering is in thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother for so many favors she has bestowed on us in the past. I only regret that the gift is not larger and that I did not send it earlier."

values. These are for us, liberty, the integrity and dignity of the human person. These must be protected rigorously by the State."

A California lady writes: "I am one of the Mary's who has been rather tardy in sending a love offering to her for the building of her Shrine in Washington."

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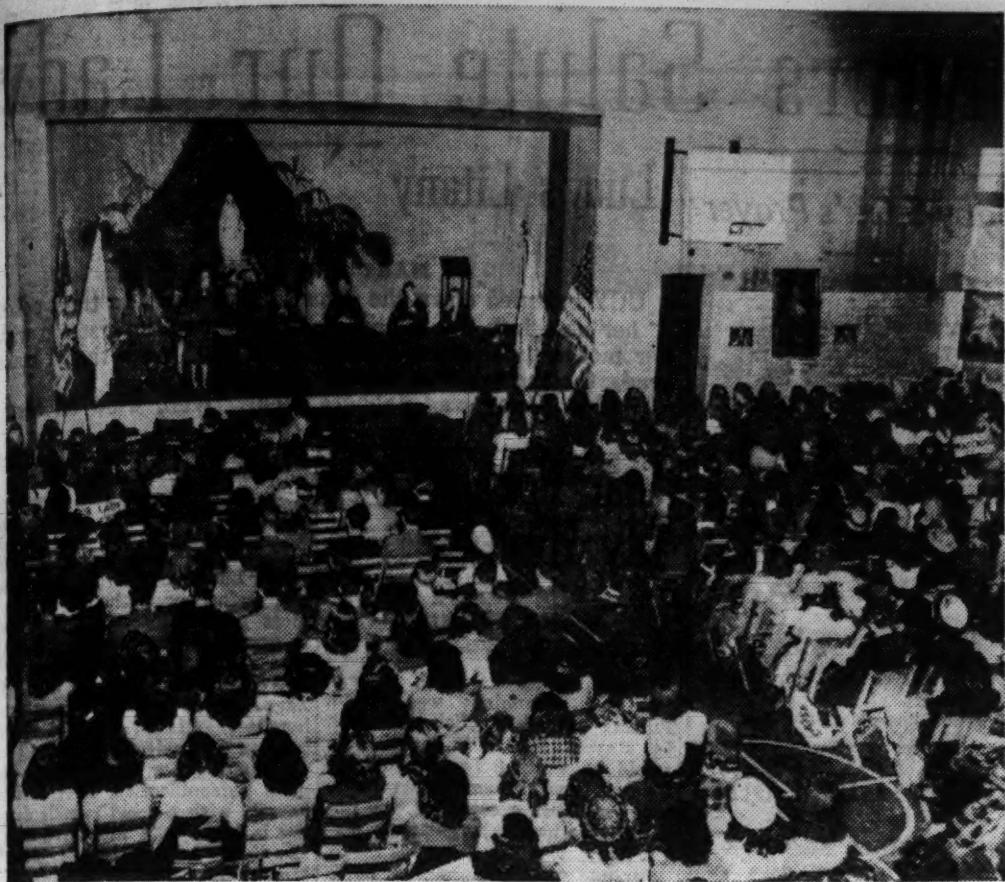
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New Rochelle, N. Y.—Twelve hundred delegates attended the first all-student Marian Congress held in the United States (above). The Congress petitioned Pope Pius XII for an early dogmatic definition of the doctrine of the Assumption. Held at the College of New Rochelle, the Congress was sponsored by the Mariology Commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. Twenty-eight colleges were represented.—Religious News Service Photo.

University Life Versus Catholic College Life

College Conflict

BY RITA DOMAS

OH, for the life of a co-ed! This thought was uppermost in my mind on the night of my graduation. I had attended a girls' high school for four years and now that I had my diploma clutched tightly in my hand I felt that I was about to open a door to the mysterious unknown, for I had decided to attend a co-ed university in the fall. Enough of girls' schools for me, I thought. I want to get out in the world and be on my own. I want to meet new people and lead a new life. I was under the delusion common to many high school graduates that when I entered college my whole life would change. As if I had drunk a magic draught, I would suddenly become a different person with a vibrant personality and with the world at my feet.

Although I had been warned by relatives, teachers, and friends that it would perhaps be better for me to attend a Catholic women's college where I would be under some guidance and would learn more about my religion, I thought I knew it all. After all, I had had a Catholic education for twelve years, I argued. I know all I ever will know about my religion and if I'm not able to live and defend my faith now, I never will be. How will I ever be ready to face the world if I continually lead a sheltered life and never meet life as it exists outside Catholic schools? Oh, yes, I had thought it all out and considered all the angles and I knew I could combat any anti-religious elements I might run up against. I must have my chance to live my own life, I told myself, so in the fall, I was off to the university.

Which Corner

When I arrived, I was impressed by the new atmosphere and the experience of meeting people and dashing here and there constantly, but when the excitement died down and I began to sink into the routine of college life, I was struck by the feeling of indifference which predominated. I was given a number, handed my class schedule and was assigned a room and roommate in one of the many dorms. As I wandered over the campus exploring my "new world," I felt quite minute in comparison with the vastness of the organization, and with a few misgivings I began my college career. My "new life" was just

around the corner. The problem was, which corner?

Gradually, as time elapsed, my illusions about college life were shattered. I began to realize that changing one's environment does not transform one's personality over night, for that is something that can be done only by the individual. As the months wore on, contrary to my dreams, I did not become a class officer, a campus queen, a Phi Beta Kappa candidate or any other noted personality as I had hopefully pictured. I was just another student attending classes and lectures, taking tests, and paying my bills, not much of an addition or subtraction to the general public, for one person more or less made little difference among the five thousand students. I was just another cog in the vast machinery of mass production education.

No Common Bond

The factor which I missed the most was one which I had become accustomed to in my twelve years of Catholic education, a common bond uniting all the students which is furnished by religion. In Catholic schools, throughout all the courses, a spirit prevails that transcends all academic activities. There is a common goal toward which students and teachers alike are directed, for they are working for the honor and glory of God and, ultimately, eternal salvation.

At the university, each person, teachers and students, seemed to be pursuing a separate aim. They led their own lives independently of each other with, so far as I had any way of observing, an air of indifference towards the various goals of individuals. In fact, to me it was a struggle of the survival of the fittest.

Having had Catholic friends all my life, it was rather difficult to become accustomed to having non-Catholics as my close friends since we varied in many fundamental beliefs of life. When they began asking me pointed and often biased questions about my religion it was then I realized that I did not have enough previous Catholic training to answer questions of college students. I had had only high school training, and these questions were on a college level. Hence they required a college background to answer them sufficiently.

Although in the courses which I took, which were in the home economics department, there was no attack against religion, the very lack of reference to God drew one subconsciously away from Him. It is so easy to forget God when caught in the maze of university life. With no chapel nearby and the time taken up with so many things which were really insignificant but seemed important then, it was very easy to slip into the role of a "Sunday Catholic" for it is human nature to follow the lines of least resistance.

Not For Me

After a year at the university I decided that it was not for me, because I wanted something more out of life than just the joy of being a co-ed. My twelve years of Catholic training had made clear to me that education should provide the means of development of self in the best possible way along the road to my ultimate goal. I found that I, myself, could not accomplish this end at a university.

I am now attending a Catholic women's college and my college career is indeed different than it was at the university. True, there are numerous rules and regulations and sometimes I miss all the freedom I had, the frequent dates, the late hours, the sorority and fraternity social events, but I am happy because I know that something far more important has taken the place of all that. There is a certain

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The Philosophical Mind . . .

Public School Education A Flagrant Example Of Secularism

BY THE REV. G. STUART HOGAN

THE bishops of the United States at their annual meeting recently held in Washington denounced secularism as the root of modern social evils. Secularism is a state of society in which religious teaching and religious principles are divorced from the various activities of life—business, education, politics, international relations, art, amusement, journalism, stage and screen, medicine, science, etc. Religion becomes merely a matter of private worship and private belief, instead of a definite pattern of life.

The State public education system of our nation is a flagrant example of Secularism in Education. Instead of religious instruction being integrated with the other subjects taught in the schools, it is deliberately excluded from the schools. I know of no course given in the public schools of our nation which directs the mind of the child to God; teaches the child that it has any dependence upon God; inculcates the habit of prayer; makes any reference to the supernatural life of grace; teaches the child the philosophy of its existence; explains the moral law by which human beings, in as much as they are free agents, are governed; or in any way refers to the eternity beyond the grave. All of these things, the most essential of life's facts, are deliberately excluded from the public school curriculum.

This is a situation which can no longer be tolerated. It must be remembered that it is the parents of the children who shall say what the children shall be taught. The exclusion of religious instruction from public school education was a shallow and shameful expedient resorted to by educators of an earlier period for what they considered practical reasons, and shows a woeful lack of statesmanship on the part of these men and women. Instead of overcoming the obstacle of divergence of religious opinion among our citizens by giving reasonable and just support to all established religions, as one might have reason to expect in a democracy such as ours, they resorted to the extremely short-sighted policy of excluding all religious instruction from public school education and of giving no financial assistance to religious schools. England, Holland, and Canada showed far better statesmanship when they adopted a positive and constructive attitude toward religious instruction, giving moral and financial support to

all religious groups which have a representative following.

That the Constitution of New York State, if we may use it as an example, forbids religious instruction to be given in the public schools, is denied by no less an

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Gospel Story

Jesus Gets Around!

By ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

JOHN said, "I baptize with water; but in the midst of you there has stood one whom you do not know."

It makes me unhappy to hear people speak of Jesus as if He were far, far away. I like to think of Jesus as being close to us, very close! We Catholics who receive Holy Communion frequently know that He is closer to us than anyone else can be. He is part of us. He dwells within our very souls. But there are those dear ones outside the fold, and some on the perilous edge of it, who do not feel the closeness of Jesus. If John were here he would say—"but in the midst of you there has stood one whom you do not know."

Why does Jesus seem far away to some people? Well, some people want Jesus to be far away! They do not want Him to see the things they do and hear the things they say! But they forget—Jesus can never get so far away that He cannot see what we do and hear what we say! These, who may successfully hide their wrongdoings from men, would be told by John if he were here—"but in the midst of you there has stood one whom you do not know."

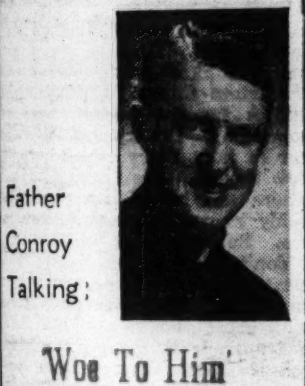
Then there are those who long for Jesus to be near, but who are plagued with doubts and misgivings. These lack faith—yet, they are truly sorry that Jesus seems so far away. But their very desire for His nearness brings Him

close! If only they could relax and trust! John would tell them—"but in the midst of you there has stood one whom you do not know."

Those on the very edge of the fold, who have been given the blessing of knowledge of Jesus administered in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and who still feel Jesus is so far away, are in grave danger. They are like the lazy woman who didn't like to walk and complained that her friend who had first lived next door and then moved three blocks over seemed so far away. The friend did her share of the coming to visit, but the lazy woman didn't make the effort to hold up her end of the friendship. Three blocks were just too far to walk!

Unfortunately, we have Catholics just like that lazy woman. Jesus does His share! There He is waiting for them at the altar, but they won't make the effort of going to Confession and walking that short distance to the altar to receive Him into their souls. And they complain when trouble overtakes them—"Jesus seems so far away!" So far away? Often He is just a prayer away. John would say to these—"but in the midst of you there has stood one whom you do not know!"

The breezy tongue of youth today is something eloquently, if not elegantly, expressed. We would put it this way—"Jesus gets around!"



Father Conroy Talking:

'Woe To Him'

AS American Catholic Youth, there are a lot of organizations and movements that you can join for the purpose of deepening your own Faith and spreading it to others. I wouldn't want to try and count them, but there is the CYO (or whatever title it might have in your diocese), the Legion of Mary, Catholic Action Cells, the Christophers, the Sodality, A National Catholic Sorority or so, local discussion groups—just to name a few. Then too there are a lot of good books and pamphlets that you can read to brush up on doctrines of your Faith. These are all fine and necessary. Yet, there is something else that is important.

Like any group with an important job to do there is always the need to go back and look over the fundamentals. We may have ambitious programs to put over. We may have lofty ideas and ideals. We may be highly enthused about what we are doing in a Catholic way. In a word, we may be reaching for the stars. But did you ever hear about the fellow who was running to catch a train when he suddenly turned his ankle, fell down, broke his arm and never did arrive at his destination—at least not that week? I suppose he had a big business deal in mind or something else equally important, but he didn't make it . . . and not because he didn't make the train, or because he broke his arm or because he sprained his ankle—just simply because he didn't know how to run—a fundamental. You all know the poem that starts out: "For the want of a nail the shoe was lost" and finally a kingdom was lost. Again, a case of fundamentals. Which explains why we have been talking about the Commandments. This week something about the Fifth . . . a fundamental. Of course the Fifth Commandment reads, "Thou Shalt Not Kill." And just for that reason a lot of people who know that they are not murderers do not pay any more attention to the Fifth Command-

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Father Smith Instructs Jackson On The Scriptures

St. Paul Placed On Trial Before Agrippa

BY THE REV. DANIEL W. MARTIN, C.M.

MR. J: Good evening, Father. I'm anxious to continue our discussion of St. Paul's trial before the King. You'll recall our last instruction ended at the point of Paul's being brought before Agrippa.

FATHER S: Very good. And you notice that the meeting was a social function rather than a trial. The King and Bernice together with all the high ranking civil and military officials were present with the procurator in the audience hall. When he had presented the prisoner, Festus turned the proceedings over to the King, who in turn invited St. Paul to speak. The theme of his defense of himself is, as previously, that he is not an apostate from the law, but one who has been led to see its perfection; that his conversion was not the effect of an unstable and fickle character, but of the direct intervention of God. You should be able to follow the development of this defense, Mr. Jackson.

MR. J: Yes, Father, I think I can. First, St. Paul tells about his early training in the strict party of the Pharisees. He says then that he is on trial because of the hope of the promise made by God long ago to the fathers.

FATHER S: The hope of the promise, of course, is the hoped for, the promised Messiah. But it was not only for the hope of the promise, but also for the belief in the resurrection of the dead that he was on trial, as you see in verse eight. Agrippa was of the Sadducean party which denied both. Continue, Mr. Jackson.

MR. J: St. Paul then tells how he joined with the Jews in the persecution of the Christians, because he thought he had a duty to do it. It was when he was right in the midst of persecuting the Christians that he saw our Lord on the road to Damascus and was converted. Our Lord sent him, then, to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles.

FATHER S: Let me interrupt here to point out something of interest in this account of St. Paul's conversion. St. Paul here says that all his companions fell to the ground with him, whereas St. Luke formerly said in chapter nine that his companions stood amazed. This is another of those points on which some would like to have us believe that St. Paul and St. Luke are contradicting each other. But there is no more difficulty to this point than there is to the others. The Greek verb "to stand" doesn't simply refer to a posture of the body; it also means to continue in some state, to remain, to be for a considerable period of time. We sometimes use the word in English in the same way. The Old Testament says, for instance, that the earth stands forever. You can see that this does not mean some physical posture of standing, but the permanent existence of the earth. And so, St. Luke says that Paul's companions were in a state of amazement, and St. Paul says that he and his companions fell to the ground.

MR. J: Well, there certainly isn't any difficulty when you explain it, Father.

FATHER S: No, there isn't; and it is a good thing for us always to remember that if there is an insoluble difficulty in the Scriptures, the difficulty is really with ourselves and our lack of knowledge rather than with the Scriptures. And now, to get back to St. Paul, he had received a command and a promise from Christ, hadn't he?

MR. J: Yes; a command to preach to all the nations and a promise of deliverance.

FATHER S: In the remaining portion of his defense before Agrippa, then, St. Paul tells how he had fulfilled the command by preaching the Good News to Jew and Gentile, with the result that he called down on his head the hatred of the Jews. But he tells Agrippa that the promise too has been fulfilled, since only by the help of God is he now able to stand before the King to proclaim the sufferings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Who is the light and hope of all men. But here Festus breaks in, doesn't he?

MR. J: Yes; he tells St. Paul that he is going mad—though I can't see why.

FATHER S: The reason was undoubtedly the reference of St. Paul to the sufferings and resurrection of Jesus. If you remember the discourse at Athens, you will recall that the ancients thought the resurrection of the body was utterly impossible. To the philosophers of Athens, it did not even merit discussion. In addition to that, St. Paul had just made reference to the sufferings of our Lord. We have grown so accustomed to the idea of his suffering and dying for us that it is difficult for us to appreciate how hard it was for the people of old to accept it. Death by crucifixion was the most humiliating form of execution known in ancient times. For the Messiah to be crucified seemed utter folly, madness to the Gentiles.

(See 1 Cor. 1:22-24) They had no natural desire nor inclination to believe in such a Messiah. When people nowadays talk as though the ancient world were just naturally waiting to clutch at Christianity as soon as they heard of it, they are talking sheer nonsense. Festus is typical of men of his day—the crucifixion was madness. The thing which brought those men to accept the death of our Lord as God's wisdom was the proof of His divinity, particularly through the fact that they were convinced through eye-witnesses that He had really risen from the dead, thus sealing with the guarantee of Almighty God His divine Mission and Person. And you can't argue against the facts.

MR. J: That's what St. Paul tells Agrippa, isn't it?

FATHER S: It surely is. He tells him that they are not only facts, but facts that didn't take place in secret, facts

known to anybody who wants to know them. He is about to tell Agrippa that, furthermore, these facts are the fulfillment of the oracles of the prophets. But for Agrippa the discussion was getting too close for comfort. He tried to pass it off and escape the conclusion by joking that Paul would make a Christian of him the first thing he knew! But this was no joking matter for St. Paul. He answered fervently: if only he could bring all men to see and believe in Christ as he believed! If they would only be willing to accept the grace of God! But the King's curiosity had been satisfied. He had heard all he wanted to hear, and so he dismissed the meeting. And the result of it all, Mr. Jackson?

MR. J: They all agreed that there was no crime to charge against St. Paul.

FATHER S: But since he had appealed to Caesar, they were not free to declare his innocence any more than his guilt. And that, I believe, is as far as we intended to go. We have a most interesting section ahead of us in the account of the shipwreck.

Author Gives Reading Lesson For Parents

BY WILLIAM C. SMITH

JUST about this time of year parents are going into the annual tail-spin over the homework brought back from school by their youngsters. As soon as the supper dishes are cleared away, the usual chorus starts: "Hey, Mom, how do you spell 'promontory,' and what does it mean?" Or: "Look, Pop, how do you do this problem: 'How much will it cost to paper a room eighteen feet long, fifteen feet wide, and nine feet high, with three windows, each five feet high and two and a half feet wide, and one door . . . ?'" All right—you know the rest. Pop and Mom get out pencil and paper and dust off their somewhat rusty scholastic brains and help the kids with the problems.

I'm not saying they shouldn't, for after all, what are parents for, if not to lend a hand over the rough places of life? And sometimes homework can be awfully rough.

But many of us parents think we've done our duty as far as homework is concerned after we've checked the answer in the back of the arithmetic book and found that we and the author agree it will take \$30.00 to paper the somewhat cheerless room in the problem.

Our homework—yours and mine—shouldn't stop there, however. Ours should also be concerned with reading, and I don't mean helping the children over tough words in a lesson. I mean reading what our children are reading in their out-of-school recreation hours.

This sounds like a pretty tough assignment for parents. I can hear a lot of them now, saying: "Good heavens! does he mean that I have to read all that drivel in Stupefying Comics that Johnny al-

ways has his head buried in? Does he mean that I have to read through every page of my teenage daughter's bobby-sox magazines that are filled with jive talk and the latest styles in Sloppy Joe sweaters? Never! I can't do it; after all, I'm an adult. If I'm going to read, I'm going to spend my time on adult stuff."

You Don't Have to Read Every Page

All right, I'll make one concession. We don't have to read every page of every magazine or comic book that our children are reading. We don't have to. After all, we are adults, and adults can pretty quickly tell at a glance what kind of magazine is good and what isn't so good. For one thing, often all we need to do is to look at the picture on the front cover. If Stupefying Comics makes its appeal to the juvenile mind by showing a woman with flashing eyes, hands like talons, and practically no clothes on, we can get a pretty quick take on exactly how innocent Stupefying Comics is. If we're still not satisfied, we can rifle the pages, and in two minutes be convinced.

Admittedly, other magazines will take a longer time to evaluate. Many modern magazines today aren't openly filthy, and they don't carry sexy pictures. But the message conveyed by their stories and articles is anything but wholesome.

In fact, Father Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., Director of the Family Life Bureau of the NCWC said recently of a certain series of articles in one of our "family" magazines, that "they rejected every item of traditional sex ethics. The subtlety and sentimentality that characterized them unquestionably made them even more dangerous than if they had been written in more brazen and shocking form."

This is one of the types of so-called literature that parents must watch because its approach to materialism and godlessness is so carefully concealed.

This godless materialism is part and parcel of our everyday living. You can see it wherever you look—in movies, books, newspapers—everywhere, in fact. That isn't something to get unduly alarmed about, for materialism and godlessness have been the way of the world ever since Adam and Eve fell. But it is the business of the Christian, and certainly Christian parents, to combat it. You can't eradicate it completely, nor can you shield your child from it forever. He is certainly going to come up against it, in one form or another, all his life. So the best thing to do is to strengthen him as a child to resist it later on in his life when he can't avoid it.

Let's Worry About Their Souls Too

A good deal of that strengthening comes from guiding and directing his reading and thinking in good sound channels. It doesn't mean that you have to be a sportsman with a child, and be forever saying: "Johnny, don't read that magazine." On the contrary, you can always pick out something good as a substitute for the bad. Naturally, this is going to require a bit of research and reading

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The Catholic Labor Press

I used to write feature stories like the one about the man who developed a \$1,000 flea circus—starting from scratch. I covered the courts, the city hall, and the police beat. It wasn't very glamorous, like a reporter's life is in the movies. I didn't solve any murders, and I didn't marry the boss' daughter.

Sure, I met some very interesting people—and some very dull ones too. But none of them were quite like the ones I've met in the past fourteen months at my new job.

Take the people I work with at this new place. They're nuts. What I mean is, I've heard them being called nuts, because they do some strange things. One man, for instance, could very easily collect a fat paycheck each week if he sold his expert services to the highest bidder. Instead, he earns his room and board by teaching part-time at a Catholic school. Then he devotes the rest of his time—without pay—to editing a newspaper, giving talks, organizing labor classes, and doing countless things that can't be summed up in a participial clause like this one.

From this person and others I've learned some new ideas—"crazy" ideas is the description sometimes used. They say that laymen shouldn't go through life just trying to pile up all the dough possible. They say that laymen, not just priests, should be apostles. Then, to top it all off, they don't stop at talking—they act. It shouldn't have been too much of a shock to me. I did have a background in what it means to be a Catholic. I knew it was more than just Mass on Sunday, no meat on Friday, and no Class C movies on any day. I'd also read somewhere, in fine print, about Catholic social principles. But to work putting these principles in-



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Waiting

BY MARY JEAN MCCARTHY

The snow was falling softly
On the cold and barren earth
It dressed up all the treetops
For 'twas near to Jesus' birth

It painted all the windows
In crystals of design.
Oh Jesus, we await Thee
Oh Little Lord Divine.

Memories Of Snow

BY DORIS APPLIGATE

THE eyes of a rather thin Santa widened in surprise as the little old lady smilingly dropped a five dollar bill into the red and green box. "Now there's a person with the real Christmas spirit," he thought to himself, as he thanked her. "Not many people have it these days—Too busy with their own Christmas to think of the poor folks who won't even have a decent meal or a warm house on Christmas."

To herself Lucia Daly thought, "Wonder if they'd let an old woman stand on the corner collecting alms for the poor." She almost laughed out loud picturing the horror-struck expression on Betty's face at the mere suggestion of such a thing, even a joke. She had memorized the familiar reply word for word, "Now, Mom, you know you can't do that. You must take care of your health."

Betty was sweet, but she just didn't understand. Johnny had understood. When he was alive, he let her get his pipe and slippers just as she always had ever since they were married. But Johnny had been gone for almost a year; he died right after that heavy snow last Christmas.

She sighed softly. . . remembering. . . He would shovel the snow off the front walk as he had every winter for forty-seven years. Lucia knew how hurt he would have been if she had hired a boy to do it. . . She knew he'd never forgive her for reminding him that he might catch a cold. No, Lucia understood her Johnny. She didn't say a word but she did make sure he wore his muffler and boots. Somehow, though, he did catch cold and then he got that terrible cough. . . The doctor diagnosed his cold as pneumonia and Lucia watched his strength melt away. . . slowly. . . like the piles of snow on either side of the front sidewalk. . . They buried him a week after Christmas.

Lucia shivered a little and pulled her heavy coat more tightly about her thin body. She looked at the sky. It would probably snow. She hoped so.

across-the-board tax reduction would penalize those low income groups who find it tough to meet their annual taxes. Just taxation recognizes the ability-to-pay principle. And those who are wealthier should pay higher taxes. Persons with incomes under \$1,500 (and perhaps \$2,000) should not be required to pay income taxes."

In Detroit the Wage Earner, published by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, reports on events in the Motor City. Recently it noted that a motor executive had recommended pensions be kept to a minimum "lest persons who at 60 and 65 still have a good day's work in them be tempted to stop work and take things easy."

The Wage Earner quipped: "This is what is known in the trade as being good to the last drop."

Besides the Wage Earner and Work, there are two other Catholic labor papers in the U. S.: the Catholic Labor Observer of Buffalo, N. Y., and the Labor Leader of New York City.

All of them have been called "silly" and "impractical" for trying to cope with current problems according to Christ's social Gospel. But the time for such arguments is past. As Pope Pius XII pointed out in September: "Now is the time for action."

Today's Author

Bob Senser, of Chicago, a frequent contributor to this column, tells the story of the U. S.'s fast growing Catholic labor press. Following are the addresses of Catholic labor papers:

The Catholic Labor Observer, 450 Abbott Road, Buffalo 20, N. Y. (Bi-weekly, \$1 a year); **The Labor Leader**, 226 Lafayette St., New York 12, N. Y. (Twice a month, \$1 a year); **The Wage Earner**, 58 West Adams St., Detroit 26, Mich. (Weekly, \$2 a year); **Work**, 3 East Chicago Ave. Chicago 11, Ill. (Monthly, \$1 a year).

to practice? Come, come, let's be realistic!

And so, about a year ago, I took a job on a Catholic labor paper. Journalistically and otherwise, this was a new field to me.

A friend of mine said it would be good experience—he couldn't think of any other excuse for helping to put out a Catholic labor paper. But this skeptical friend of mine hadn't read much of the Papal encyclicals. He didn't know that Pope Pius XI had called for an "intensive program of social education," which he described as the "foremost duty" of Catholic papers.

It isn't enough to applaud the Church's social teaching in the abstract. How do these principles apply to today's concrete problems? To a strike in your city? To bad housing in the slums? To the legal and illegal means used to get rid of neighbors deemed "undesirable?"

Questions such as those are tackled by the Catholic labor press. It gets all the possible facts of a problem, judges it in the light of Christian teaching, and suggests a program of action.

Let's see how a Catholic labor paper handles a particular story. One day recently a phone company in Illinois announced that it had, for the first time, hired Negro girls as telephone operators. The daily press carried one or two paragraphs in the back pages.

But here was a significant event that indicated more Americans were recognizing the dignity of the human personality. So Work, a monthly published by the Catholic Labor Alliance in Chicago, assigned a reporter to interview one of the new operators. Result: a first-person feature story on how it feels to be a pioneer—and readers were able to visualize themselves in a Negro's shoes.

Catholic labor papers also analyze current legislation that has social implications. Here is what Work had to say about changes in income tax laws: "The proposed 80 per cent.

Hold On To This—Your Movie Guide

Because of space limitations, we are not able to publish the complete list of movie ratings every week. So file this one, and keep it up to date by adding the new classifications of pictures, published weekly.

Following is a list of motion pictures reviewed and classified by the National Council of the Legion of Decency through its New York headquarters.

CLASS A—Section I—Unobjectionable For General Patronage

Adventures of Don Coyote	Her Husband's Affairs	Saddle Pals
Along the Oregon Trail	Hollywood Barn Dance	St. Francis of Assisi
Bachelor and The Bobby-soxer, The	I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now	Serge Goes to College
Black Gold	Kilroy Was Here	Schoolgirl Diary
Black Hills	King of the Bandits	Secret Life of Walter Mitty
Blondie's Big Moment	Last Round-Up, The	Seven Keys to Baldpate
Bowery Rockers	Louisiana	Shadow Valley
Backdoor from Powder River	Maurauders, The	Six Gun Law
Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back	Marshal of Cripple Creek	Smoky River Sirenade
Check Your Guns	Mother Wore Tights	Song of Love
Cheyenne Takes Over	My Wild Irish Rose	Song of My Heart
Chinese Ring, The	Nicholas Nickleby	Son of Rusty, The
Code of the Saddle	Night Song	Spirit of West Point
Code of the West	On the Old Spanish Trail	Sport of Kings
Dangerous Years	Pacific Adventure	Springtime in the Sierras
Dragnet, The	Perils of Pauline	Stranger from Pecos City
Driftwood	Pioneer Justice	St. Theresa of Lisieux
Exile, The	Pirates of Monterey	Swing the Western Way
Exposed	Prairie Express	Tawny Pig, The
Fiesta	Red Stallion	Thunder in the Valley
Fighting Vigilantes	Return of Rin Tin Tin, The	Thunder Mountain
Fugitive, The	Return of the Lash	Trailing Danger
Fun and Fancy Free	Riders of the Lone Star	Under the Tonto Rim
Gas House Kids Go West	Ridin' Down the Trail	Unfinished Dance
Goodbye Mr. Chips	Road to Rio	Variety Girl
Great Expectations	Robin Hood of Monterey	Vigilantes Return, The
Green Dolphin Street	Robin Hood of Texas	Web of Danger
Heartache	Romance of Rosy Ridge, The	Welcome Stranger
	Roosevelt Story, The	White Stallion
	Rustlers of Devil's Canyon	Wintful Widow of Wagon Gap, The
		Wyoming

CLASS A—Section II—Unobjectionable For Adults

Adventure Island	Great Dawn, The	Moss Rose
Beware of Pity	Green for Danger	Murder in Reverse
Big Town After Dark	Gunfighters	Northwest Outpost
Bishop's Wife, The	Hal Roach Comedy Carnival	Other Love, The
Blackmail	Hat Box Mystery, The	Out of the Past
Black Narcissus	Heaven Only Knows	Philo Vance Returns
Blonde Savage	Henry the Fifth	Possessed
Body and Soul	Hucksters, The	Pretender, The
Brute Force	Hungry Hill	Railroaded
Burning Cross	Hunted, The	Ride the Pink Horse
Captain from Castile	I Love Trouble	Roses Are Red
Caravan	Intigue	Second Chance
Case of the Baby Sitter, The	Ivy	Sepia Cinderella
Cass Timberlane	Joe Palooka in the Knock-out	Shop Girls of Paris
Crime Doctor's Gamble, The	Key Witness	Slave Girl
Crimson Key, The	Killer Dill	Something in the Wind
Dark Delusion	Killer McCoy	Song of the Thin Man
Dark Passage	Kiss of Death	So Well Remembered
Dear Ruth	Lady Surrenders, A	Stork Bites Man
Deep Valley	Life With Father	Sweet Genevieve
Desert Fury	Lone Wolf in London	That Harem Girl
Desire Me	Long Night, The	This Time for Keeps
Desperate	Lost Moment, The	Trespasser, The
Devil's Envoy, The	Love from a Stranger	Unconquered
Down to Earth	Lured	Unsuspected, The
Duel in the Sun	Mad Wednesday	Web, The
Easy to Wed	Magie Town	When a Girl's Beautiful
Escape Me Never	Man About Town	Where There's Life
Face of Marble	Merton of the Movies	Whispering City
Fall Guy		Years Between, The
Fear in the Night		
Flying Serpent, The		
Frieda		
Fun on a Weekend		
Gangster, The		
Gentleman's Agreement		
Gentleman Misbehaves, The		
Ghost and Mrs. Muir, The		
G. I. War Bride		
Gilda		
Glass Alibi, The		
Golden Earrings		
Her Kind of Man		

CLASS B—Objectionable In Part

Able's Irish Rose	Homestretch	Queen of Burlesque
Adventure in Blackmail	Humoresque	Queen's Necklace, The
Belman, The	Invisible Wall, The	Repeat Performance
Best Years of Our Lives, The	It Had to Be You	Searching Wind, The
Blue Sleep, The	Janie Gets Married	Scarlet Street
Born to Kill	Jealousy	Scandal in Paris, A
Bride Wore Boots, The	Keeper of The Bees	Shadow of a Woman
Bridge of Sighs	King's Jester	She Wrote the Book
Carmen	Kitty	Shoe Shine
Carnival in Costa Rica	Land of The Lawless	Singapore
Cheyenne	Life Begins Anew	Snafu
Colonel Chabert	Lighthouse	Stairway for a Star
Confidential Agent	Little Miss Broadway	Star Without Light
Cross My Heart	Linda, Be Good	Stepchild
Cry Wolf	Living in a Big Way	Strange Love of Martha Ivers
Daisy Kenyon	Lost Honeymoon	Suspense
Desirable Lady	Lover Come Back	Tangier
Devil's Envoy, The	Magnificent Rogue	Temptation
Down to Earth	Man I Love, The	That Night With You
Duel in the Sun	Man's Hope	That Were Sisters
Easy to Wed	Mask of Dijon	They Won't Believe Me
Escape Me Never	Miracle on 34th Street	13 Rue Madeleine
Face of Marble	Mr. Ace	Three Strangers
Fall Guy	Monsieur Verdoux	Thrill of Brazil
Fear in the Night	Murderer Lives at Number 21, The	Time Out of Mind
Flying Serpent, The	Never Say Goodbye	Tonight and Every Night
Frieda	Night in Paradise, A	Traffic in Crime
Fun on a Weekend	Nightmare Alley	Trouble with Women
Gangster, The	Nora Prentiss	Two Anonymous Letters
Gentleman's Agreement	Notorious Gentleman	Two Blondes and a Redhead
Gentleman Misbehaves, The	Odd Man Out	Undercover Woman
Ghost and Mrs. Muir, The	One More Tomorrow	Unfaithful, The
G. I. War Bride	Open City	Upturned Glass, The
Gilda	Out of the Blue	Verdict, The
Glass Alibi, The	Portrait of a Woman	Wellington's Daughter, The
Golden Earrings	Postman Always Rings Twice, The	Whistle Stop
Her Kind of Man	Private Affairs of Bel Ami	Wicked Lady, The
		Wild Harvest
		Woman on the Beach

CLASS C—Condemned

Adolescence	Forever Amber	Outlaw, The
Ay Que Pasa Senor Don Simon	Foot of Deatre	Pepe le Moko
Carnival in Flanders	Gambling with Sals	Puritan, The
City of Sin	Girl from Maxim's	Race Suicide
Club de Femmes	High School Girl	Reef Madness
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Damaged Goods	Human Beast	Sinful Daughters
Damned Lives	Indiscretions	Smashing the Vice Racket
Darkness	It's All in the Mind	Souls in Pawn
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Ecstasy	Lie of Nina Petrovna, The	Tentation
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Fighting the White Slave Trade	Mad Youth	Wagon Versus Whirlpool
	Merry Wives	Whirlpool
	Nine Bachelors	With a Smile
	No Greater Sin	

Separately Classified

Fight for Life, The—The Legion of Decency placed the film THE OUTLAW in the C or CONDEMNED classification for the following reason: "The film presents glorification of crime and immoral actions. The film throughout very considerable portion of its length is indecent in content."

Forgotten Village, The—The film is now being widely distributed.

Several versions of the film have appeared in the course of the year. No version has been shown to the Legion which would warrant any but the CONDEMNED rating.

Saint Theresa Writers Salute Our Lady

For You, Mary

BY JOYCE GRUENINGER

THE merry month of December finds department stores rocking with jingling bells, cunning dolls, gay parades of Christmas cards . . . all shouting this mysterious Christmas spirit.

It is a spirit not just of "peace on earth, to men of good will," but of Christ about to come. There is great expectation in our merry household. It is just filled with the gay menagerie of red and green bells and saucy little Christmas trees. Mary, our charming Mother, will soon present us with a lovely little Brother. He is coming to redeem us and forgive us our misdeeds and uncharitableness, to start our New Year all bright and shining.

We of S.T.A. have prepared this page, dear Mary, and His crude manger, filled with tiny bits of clean yellow straw, our writings, the very best of which we present to you. Accept them as your accepted the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the three wealthy kings. We hope the spiritual stable, filled with warm, friendly stories, will rid you of any feeling of sadness at leaving your home and coming all the way to give us God's precious gift. Here in the stable, with the cattle, we await the coming of the Light, so that we may put the tale of His love into our stories, poems and articles always.

Paging You

By BETTY BUCKSAT

IF you were going to read the life of Cardinal Gibbons, you have a variety of excellent books from which to choose. Life of Cardinal Gibbons by Allen S. Will and Covelle Newcomb's Larger Than the Sky, are two you would probably enjoy as biographies of one of our greatest Catholic priests. Both books serve a purpose.

In one case, Cardinal Gibbons is cut and dried and entered chronologically into a volume and in the other case he is a living part of the faith we know.

The answer to the question of uninteresting reading is the answer to why Catholic newspapers and magazines lie unread in church vestibules and unbought on magazine stands. Some Catholic writers have buried a living religion under six feet of long words and prosaic piety. The most beautiful thing on earth is forced into an ugly mold and strangled before it gets a chance to do its work.

Are you going to let unimaginative Catholic writers kill the religion in human souls and send them away to read sundry named Forever Ambers and True Confession? Or are you going to write interesting books like Covelle Newcomb's Larger Than the Sky and The Red Hat?

Alert yourselves, Catholic writers! Christ is paging you.

Schools Should Produce Saints

By BILLIE TOLER

A few years ago, as I watched a graduation exercise, I noticed the girl who had won the high honors in her class. There was a loud applause. It seemed as though everyone admired her. She rose gracefully and wore a proud smile as she approached the speaker. The perfect symbol of her class!

Yesterday, her name stood out above all others. An article in the divorce column . . . Although she was a perfect scholar, she had failed to be a saint. To what purpose was her education? It had failed to mature her will and emotions.

God has your eternity planned. Be alert in choosing your school. For when the Universal Alumnae Association gets together on Judgment Day, honors will go to the saintly scholars!

The Fullness Of Time . . .

By CHARLETTE MONGAN

MARY smiled wearily as Joseph laid her aching body on the soft warm straw. How good he was . . . She need never be afraid with him here to protect her.

With a little sigh she smoothed her long blue skirt, dusty and bedraggled now, once fresh and clean when they had left their home in Nazareth.

A sharp quiver of fear and pain ran through her as the old donkey brayed loudly from his corner. Joseph smiled reassuringly but his eyes were sad and ashamed. It grieved him to bring his beautiful little wife to the manger shelter of a crude stable. But he had tried everywhere and to no avail. It was at times like this when Joseph wished he had more to show for his long hard hours of working at his carpentry. He had been very reluctant to leave their home, but there was no way out of it. The journey from Nazareth was long and hard and this was their first real chance to rest.

He searched the stable for unwarranted openings for it wouldn't do for Mary to be even more than chilled by the cool evening breeze.

From time to time he glanced at her and finally with great relief he noticed how peacefully she was dozing. He wished she could see the beauty of the sky, inky black, sparkling with tiny inlaid diamonds. But it was best for her to get the rest for she would need her strength later on.

He heard Mary stirring and hastened to her side with a dipper of fresh water. She smiled gratefully.

"It won't be long, Joseph. It won't be long at all."

Joseph stepped into the night and knelt on the hard ground.

Use Your Scissors

By TERESA VOELKER

A cool night breeze patted Rebecca's tired cheeks, trying to console her. But instead of gratitude, the young Jewess returned a hiss of bitterness. If the journey to Bethlehem was much longer, Augustus would have one less subject in his vast empire.

The same consoling breeze gave new life to the donkey. Isaac's eyebrows showed surprise as he quickened his steps to keep pace with the refreshed burro. Isaac knew the way to Bethlehem well. Every year at this time he would travel to the city for a sandal-maker's convention. The journey was cut in half by the second night. The traveler was refreshed by the consoling thought that just two more days would complete the journey.

Imagine the cool breeze as the morning of Lactare Sunday. This midpoint of Advent gives the consoling thought to us tired-of-sacrifice twentieth century Rebecas that half of our Advent has been completed. Refreshed with this thought, we start out with a new vigor, determined to clip the second half of our Advent shorter by using the scissors of sacrifice.

Baby-Sitter's Prayer

BY MADONNA ROMAN

O MAID of Nazareth
Give me your infant Son
To rest His Head upon my Heart
When day is done.

I do not ask a coin
But a measure of His charms
For heaven is in the breadth
Of two infant arms.

And when the night is cold
Call no guardian from above.
Give Him to me
I'll wrap Him in my love.

Let Him sit upon my knee
To laugh and tumble there
And I shall catch my breath to think
That God has pulled my hair.

Make 'Em Count

By VIRGINIA LEIWEKE

"ONLY ten more days until Christmas. Be sure to shop at Grugs, the complete store for all Christmas shoppers." When we heard this we immediately take stock of what we should buy for presents, or we sigh with an air of weariness and dial the station to the best swing music.

This applies to our temporal needs, but do we ever hear, "Only ten more days of Advent! How are you, as an individual doing on those prayers and penances?" Ridiculous you say. No radio announcer would ever say that.

Well, maybe no radio announcer would, and if he did, the listener would wonder if he had heard it right. But seriously, that is no reason why we shouldn't take stock of our merits. Do we start out the season of Advent with a careless attitude toward penances, and as the last days approach do we have a futile feeling of helplessness?

Isn't it a wonderful feeling to know you have your presents all in order for the great holiday? Think of the wonderful feeling of knowing that your heart is well prepared to receive the Christ King.

"Only ten more days 'till Christmas . . ."

Is This Tomorrow?

By JEANNE HALPIN

IF you talk to an average high school student about Communism he will pass it off very lightly. "Oh, that's something they have in Russia. I'm glad we don't have it here."

The high school students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. They do not fully realize the terror, the horror, the slavery of the Communistic regime.

Thousands are marching under the red blood banner of the Hammer and Sickle in our own country. Many do not openly profess Communism because of opposition. Still, the number who do, in spite of the general feeling against it in our country, is appalling.

There are some who are Communists and do not realize it. Their ideas, actions, and general attitude indicate this. They have been taken in by the propaganda to which the American people are so vulnerable.

We, the youth of America, wallow in our complacency and think our democracy cannot be destroyed. In all past wars we have been finally victorious. This gives us a confidence and assurance that no nation or regime can ever conquer us or change our system of government.

The youth of today must take action today. We must awaken our fellow citizens from their sleep of smugness and make them fully aware of conditions in America. We cannot wait until tomorrow, for by then our country may be destroyed by the atomic war to come, unless men recognize God and return to His service.

Lucy's Litany

BY MARY ANN KONECNIK

LUCY barreled down the steps, taking two at a time, poked her nose into the kitchen, and began a conversation with her mother. "Dearest Mother, dost thou wish that I make ready for the evening meal?"

Mrs. Zagor was flabbergasted. "Well, what on earth, Lucy?"

Star For My Brother

By JOY SCHMIEG

SERAPHINE had just finished polishing up his stars. It was late and Seraphine was tired. Putting away his polish and cloth he started for his house. He would be waiting for Seraphine's report. And for once Seraphine could say that everything was finished. He hadn't forgotten a single star.

"Hello, Seraphine, you're early tonight."

"Yes, Gabriel, I hurried. For He promised us a surprise tonight."

"So He did. Well, come along, the others are waiting."

Seraphine followed Gabriel into the throne room. Bowing low they took their seats and raised adoring eyes to Him.

"My children, I have promised you a surprise tonight. Soon you will know it. Will Seraphine, the star cleaner, step forward?"

On shaking wings Seraphine advanced. "Seraphine, I want you to pick out your brightest star, your most faithful star! For tonight My Son is born and the star must show the way."

Seraphine beamed with pride. "Oh, Father! I will have the most beautiful star announce His birth!"

"That is good, little Seraphine. Go now, find your star."

Seraphine fairly shouted as he flew to the star room. His star would light the birth place of his Brother! But what star would he choose? It must be beautiful and faithful. Oh, dear! How could he make such a choice? All his stars were beautiful and faithful.

Up and down, up and down he flew. This one? No, he had failed one night. That one? No, it was too small. Oh, what could he do? No star he had was beautiful and faithful enough for that wonderful honor.

Seraphine hung his head sadly. When Gabriel came for the star he would have to go to Cherubin's star room.

Seraphine folded his wings dejectedly.

"Well, Seraphine, have you the star ready?"

"Oh, Gabriel! I don't have a star good enough for the job."

"No star good enough! Surely you are mistaken! Why Father said that you had the best stock of stars in heaven!"

"I know, I know," moaned Seraphine, "but I have none fine enough."

"Have you not one with a perfect record?"

"One, but it is too small; it would never be able to shine so bright as too lead the wise men."

"Seraphine you amaze me! Bring me the star. Don't you know that Father will find a way?"

Reluctantly Seraphine handed Gabriel the star. It, it must shine brightly! The little star seemed to know what Seraphine was thinking for it twinkled brightly at him as Gabriel carried it swiftly through the sky to its resting place over the stable.

"Oh, Gabriel, does it not shine wondrously?"

"Yes, Seraphine, truly the star does you justice."

"Well, I always said that even if it was little it was the best star I had!"

And Gabriel doubled over with laughter.

"Not on earth, my Mother, but in Heaven," Lucy continued.

Her mother saw she was playing some little form of devilment so she said nothing and played along in the act. Having set the table, Lucy came into the kitchen, addressing her mother. "Now, my most fair Mother, that this wish is gratified, may thy menial child please thee is another fashion?"

Well, after so much of this Mrs. Zagor gave up and burst into laughter. "Lucy, will you please explain yourself?"

Changing her frozen air of angelic personification, Lucy became herself with the old twinkle dancing in her eyes. "Mom, you know, I've been talking to the Blessed Mother like that all my life. So have all the other kids. I know! I asked them."

"And so, what conclusion has my darling come to now? What is her latest brainstorm?"

"Just this, Mom. It must be awfully monotonous for the Lady in heaven to hear our prayers. All of the dosto and shalts and stiff formalities. Why, she was a girl too and liked pretty clothes and the latest things. I imagine she had a favorite ballad singer or something. I'm trying to convince her to take Perry as her favorite now though. She knows all about where and how I live. She probably knows my favorite waxing, too. Sure, 'cause I told her. No, I don't pray to her, I talk with her. I even sip a coke with her; she might have some rain juice with me. I don't know about that, but anyhow we have a wonderful conversation. I'm now in the process of making up my own litany. Wanna hear it?"

Lucy's Litany
Mary, help of history students, pray for us!
Mary, companion of coke sippers, pray for us!
Mary, inspiration of theme writers, prayer for us!
Mary, queen of cagers, pray for us!
Mary, queen of candidates, pray for us!
Mary, guide of disc jockeys, pray for us!
Mary, honorary member of our crowd, pray for us!
Mary . . .

Eternal Christmas

By JOAN JACOB'S

THE little old man scuffed up the side aisle to the pew nearest the sacristy and knelt down. His weary eyes glanced towards the sacristy door as if waiting for someone to come. Before long the priest with the purple-covered chalice came out to begin Mass. The season was in evidence, for the vestments were purple and the altars bare.

The man began paging through a worn prayerbook. Every day he could be seen coming down the same aisle up close to the front. Every day there was the same look of waiting in his eyes. The joy of waiting for someone was betrayed by his glance, the same glow of expectancy as that of a child at Christmas. The anxiety of the suspicious packages hid quietly away to be opened . . . the joy of the family together at dinner on that special day . . . the movement in the heart at the sound of the strains of "Silent Night." . . . All these were an exhibition on the man's face.

The expectant look on his face never left him, not even when he walked up to the rail and received Holy Communion. His eyes then were closed, still waiting. His whole life is advent . . . eternal will be his Christmas.

Fiction

Perfect Timing

BY BERT CLOOS

THE stealthy fog drew its grey cloak over the channel. From the Southern Massachusetts shoreline, clear across the nine mile stretch to Cap'n Billings' private island, the heavy dampness settled in conspiratorial confidence with the swells of the Atlantic. The fog lay heaviest over the three square miles on which Cap'n Billings lived with only his handyman, Jake Gillis, for company.

Unmindful of the wet oppressiveness that crept around his bony shoulders, Jake crouched in the ancient motor launch rolling lazily against the narrow scrap-board wharf of the island. The

stooped little man lashed a small wooden box under the stern seat of the boat. Carefully, he packed a strip of old tarp around it to deaden the faint tick tick alert ears might detect. Not that it mattered much. Once the throbbing gasoline engine sputtered into action, no other sound would be heard. Anyway, who would expect to find a crudely fashioned time bomb next to the tiller of Cap'n Billings' motor boat? Neither George nor Amanda Billings, for sure. Yet, it was for them that Jake painstakingly fastened together sticks of dynamite, caps, wire, flashlight batteries and alarm clock.

The Cap'n had left the sea about fifteen years ago. Left it as a sailor, that is. He remained as close to it as possible by buying the unnamed mass of rock jutting up off the New England coast. The familiar smell of the ocean would fill his nostrils these last years of his life. The trouble with that, Jake could tell you, was that there might be too many years. And Jake didn't feel that he was getting any younger, himself.

There were other things the wizened little handyman could have told you, had he been of a confiding nature. For example, he could have recited by heart the provisions of the Cap'n's will, which divided his fifty-odd thousand dollars among his bachelor brother, George Billings, his maiden sister, Amanda Billings, and his sole employee, Jacob Gillis. A fellow could learn things like that when he snooped around the house while the Cap'n snoozed over a fish line.

On this September Sunday, Cap'n Billings celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday. As in the past, George and Amanda were coming over to offer congratulations. Their bus would leave them at the mainland dock about eleven-thirty and Jake would have the launch waiting for them. By half-past noon, they would have chugged the hour's ride back to the island. At least, that's the way it had always been. But Jake planned it otherwise this time.

The launch would be waiting as usual, but Jake would not return with them. He would alibi the need to make purchases and assure them of his ability to get a ride back later. They would take off alone, as they had done before, and about halfway across—at noon, to be exact—there would be an explosion. You see, there was a part of the will that particularly interested Jake:

"... In the event any of the above named heirs should predecease me, my estate is to be equally shared by the two surviving heirs, or, in the event only one heir should survive me, my estate is to become his or her property in its entirety."

Satisfied that the box was securely lashed, Jake lifted himself back on the island's rickety wharf. In spite of the early morning chill, perspiration spotted his high forehead and joined with the fog to plaster wisps of sandy hair against his small balding head. Turning up the greasy collar of his torn and shapeless sweater, he picked his way through the heavy smelling atmosphere toward the house. Once there, he could check on the time by the Cap'n's radio. He had no other way of knowing the hour, with his own alarm clock ticking ominously away under the stern seat. He had set it by radio at his ten o'clock bedtime last night. Early this morning, he had wound it to the limit, turned the alarm to twelve o'clock, and wired it to the batteries. Now to keep busy until ten-thirty. Keep busy, doing anything.

There was always plenty to do on the island. All this week he and the Cap'n had been blasting rock to make a better landing. That was where he got the dynamite. Meanwhile, his chores around the house had piled up, giving him all the excuse he needed to stay close to the Cap'n's rumpy rump.

In spite of his occupation, the morning dragged, and the time announcements seemed much too far between. He heard nine o'clock and nine-thirty... Nine-forty-five... Ten...

He loaded a wheelbarrow with kindling and dawdled past the Cap'n's bedroom. An organ moaned a church hymn. Jake muttered a most unhymn-like oath. He rested the barrow and mopped his clammy forehead. The organ softened, and a rich chorus poured out its Sabbath praise. The scowling handyman spat, picked up his barrow, and squeaked it around to the kitchen.

Twice more he listened by the Cap'n's window. At last a sickeningly jolly voice announced: "Good morning, kiddies! Here it is ten-thirty Sunday morning again, and more funnies. I wonder how many of you remembered..."

But Jake was already scurrying down the banks to the wharf. A minute's impatient fumbling with the flywheel of the old engine, and the boat coughed herself out into the slowly rising fog.

On the mainland, the sun was gradually warming its way through. George Billings paced a few steps to the end of the dock and peered into the misty channel. He turned to his gray-haired sister, sitting primly against the dock shed.

"Still no sign of Jake, Amanda. Suppose there was some trouble with that old wreck of a boat?"

In spite of her seventy-three years, Amanda Billings was satisfied that there was plenty of time for everything.

"Now you just set down and rest a spell, George. Jake'll be long soon. Might ask one of those men there if they've seen him. One of those men looking out into the water."

"Nope, ain't seen Jake or the Cap'n neither. Been lookin' out there wonderin' what happened 'bout an hour ago. Heard a pretty loud explosion in the fog. Must a'bin twelve o'clock."

He snapped his fingers and wagged his head.

"Doggone! There I go again! Sayin' it was twelve o'clock! It was rightly eleven o'clock. I forgot we turned our clocks back last night from Daylight Saving Time."

Author Gives Reading Lesson For Parents

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and judging on your part. But why shouldn't it? Most parents get worried every time one of our children gets a cough, or looks anemic. These parents are the first to take the child to a doctor, spend money for prescriptions for vitamin pills or whatever else the doctor recommends. And that it as it should be. But it seems to me that we parents ought to take as much trouble about our children's mental and moral health as we do of their physical health. Sure, it's a job. But raising children is a job any way you look at it. After all, we're married now, so we don't need to save our energies for the Junior Prom any more.

And then too, there's our own reading. If our children see us lapping up the juiciest modern novel, or the magazine with the most lurid pictures, they will imitate us. And that isn't so good. So we ought to watch our own reading.

Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I do remember homes where people had sets of Dickens, and Thackeray and other good books that they really read. They didn't bang their children on the head to read these books, but they did let the children see that good literature wasn't put on the shelves just to make the room look nice.

And then, finally, let's talk things over with our children. Let's find out what they are thinking as a result of their reading. If they come up with some queer ideas on marriage or life in general, let's find out what they have read that gave them that false idea, and then let's try to do our level best to eradicate it.

I think, too, we'll find out that if we do talk things over this way, our dinner table conversation, for one thing, will get some sparkle to it, and won't be just another eat and run proposition. We'll find that we will develop a bond of intellectual friendship with our children. And then, no matter where they go, they won't have to say, "Pop and Mom never bothered about me," but "My Dad and Mother are swell. They really have something on the ball." I'd kind of like that, wouldn't you?

Brass Tacks

Father Conroy Answers Youth's Questions

How can a fellow tell whether to become a diocesan priest or join a religious order? Does the term "vocation" apply to both?

Let us answer the latter question first. Yes, the term "vocation" refers to both and that must be borne well in mind. Both the religious and the diocesan priesthood are essentially the same. A priest's first and most important duty is to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For that he is ordained. However, there are in addition many other works which priests are called upon to perform today. So it is that certain ones will find it advantageous to band together to carry out a special work such as missionary work both at home and abroad, teaching, hospital work or some other phase of social activity. Still others will concentrate on the practice of certain virtues as exemplified in the life of some particular saint, such as St. Francis, St. Dominic, St. Benedict and others. All of which accounts for the existence of religious orders of priests (and nuns). It might be said that they do a specialized work in the general work of the Church.

The diocesan priesthood concerns itself principally with the service of the diocese and of the parishes which make up the diocese. All of this work is under the direction of the Bishop who is the final authority in any given diocese.

A diocesan priest is called upon for a great variety of works. This is because he is working with the generality of the people and must be at their service under all circumstances where the things of God are concerned. The more versatile his talents, the more useful he can become as an instrument in the hands of God. Frequently these two branches of the priesthood are called upon to assist in each other's tasks temporarily but their different works are pretty well defined. Yet, since both are working for the Glory of God, the salvation of souls and the good of the Church there is always the need of a sympathetic, sincere and charitable understanding of each other's problems and anyone who aspires to the supreme goal of the priesthood will be less a true follower of Christ if he ever forgets that.

Can a girl who is going to enter the convent act as sponsor in Baptism?

There is no reason why a girl about to enter the convent cannot act as sponsor, provided that all the other conditions are fulfilled. Her future religious status has nothing to do with it as far as being a valid sponsor is concerned. The primary idea of sponsorship at Baptism is to provide spiritual parenthood to the one to be baptized, good example, help and guidance in the following of the teachings of the Faith. That is why excommunicated Catholics are not allowed to be sponsors. It is im-

possible for them to fulfill their responsibilities.

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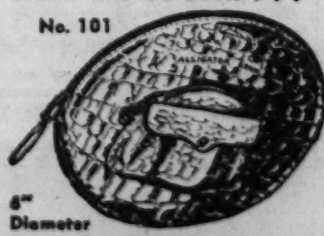
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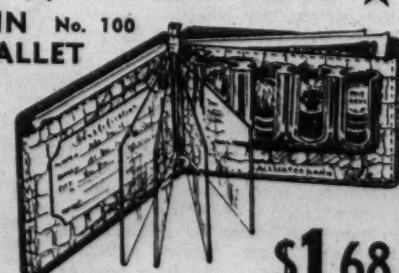
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SPORTSCASTING

By Jim Costin

JUST as I started to prepare this column, the following letter was received. I pass it along to any of you who might be interested. Here it is verbatim:

'CARE Packet' . . .

"Dear Sir:
"I have occasion to read Our Sunday Visitor in Germany.
"I know you as Sports Editor. As a Catholic woman I beg you, to make, that I become, perhaps by Caritas, 13a Regensburg, Germany, US-Zone, Bayern, a 'Care Packet' as a gift for my child, who is four years old and is all ways hungry. I thank you very much.
Probably no package you might send now can reach this child before Christmas time, but if any of you care to pitch in and help, too, you have the full particulars.

Warren Brown's Book . . .

Another new book to hit the dealers' shelves recently is "Win, Lose or Draw," by Warren Brown, the well known Chicago sports writer. It is autobiographical in nature and is written in his breezy, humorous style, which means that it is a delight to read, and I daresay that you can't start it without finishing it in one evening's reading. At least, this old Brown rooster couldn't. It starts with his cub reporting days in San Francisco when he first encountered many of the famous sports figures and newspapermen of the west coast at that time, right down to the present.

Brown is one of the few San Franciscans I have ever encountered who refers to the catastrophe of April, 1906, as the "earthquake," not the "fire." He goes into that in his book, and many of you will enjoy, too, his references to his student days in St. Ignatius College, now the University of San Francisco. He contends that the good Jesuit Fathers changed the name of their school when they surveyed the situation and discovered that he was among St. Ignatius' alumni.
Brown was an intimate friend and associate of the late Knute Rockne and his chapters, "Rambling With Rockne," and "Six Points or Nothing," will be of particular interest to many of the readers of this column. The book would make an ideal Christmas gift for any of your friends who are sports minded—but read it first before sending it along!

John (Ox) DeGrosa . . .

The resignation of John (Ox) DeGrosa as head football coach of Holy Cross College came as a distinct surprise to those of us around the middle west. One version of it that we heard was that he wanted a five-year contract but was offered only a one-year term. Another one was that his family wanted him to give up coaching. Whatever the reason, his loss from the American college coaching ranks—if he decides to give up that profession—is a serious one because of the fine character of the man and his undoubted influence for good on the young men who came under his influence. I happen to know several of his former players, and I can testify to the high regard in which they all hold him, both as coach and as a Catholic gentleman.

'Luck Of The Cody' . . .

Ed Cody, former Boston College fullback who later transferred and finished his college career with the Purdue team, was telling the other day about two breaks he has received in recent years to illustrate what he calls the 'luck of the Irish.' First, he said, he was a member of the B. C. team of 1942 which lost to Holy Cross, 55-12, in one of the greatest upsets of all time, particularly considering the size of the score. Many of you will recall the game. Boston College was an overwhelming favorite to win, by all the way from three to six touchdowns. The Eagles went into the game supremely confident, highly over-confident, as things turned out, and were rocked and socked under a touchdown barrage that stunned not only the B. C. players and followers, but everybody else as well.

Anyhow, a "victory celebration" that some Boston College alumni had arranged for the night of the game was called off; the crest-fallen B. C. players and their friends had nothing to celebrate. The party had been arranged for a popular Boston night club, the Coconut Grove. That night, when the B. C. party normally would have been there, the tragic flash fire swept through the club, claiming the lives of more than 400 merrymakers in what was the worst disaster of its kind in this country's history. But all Boston College players, including Cody, were conspicuous by their absence. What had seemed like a "tragedy" to them in the afternoon had turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

But that wasn't all the good breaks for Cody. Last winter at a Purdue-Wisconsin basketball game in the spacious Purdue fieldhouse, Cody decided that he's leave a minute or so before the first half ended in order to go outside and have a smoke. He left his seat and had barely reached the end of the basketball court when he heard a grinding crash, accompanied by agonized screams.

The section of bleachers in which Cody had been seated had suddenly collapsed just as the first half ended. Two persons were fatally injured and many others were seriously injured, but Cody's "luck of the Irish" had saved him again, and had also enabled him to take part in the emergency rescue work which undoubtedly saved a number of others who were trapped in the wreckage.

Recent Stories . . .

I suppose many of you have been regaled recently with stories in the daily papers to the general effect that (a) Frank Leahy is going to leave Notre Dame to become head coach of the Los Angeles Rams; (b) he's going to leave to become head coach of the Los Angeles Dons; (c) he's going to leave to become head coach of the Boston Yanks; (d) he's going to leave to become head coach of the Chicago Rockets, and almost any other team you can name. The reasons assigned for his "leaving" Notre Dame are many and varied, but most of the experts are agreed that the pros will pay him so much more than Notre Dame can that he

will leave the collegiate ranks. Another is that he's "leaving" because his teams are "too good" for all opponents, and as a result "nobody" will play his Notre Dame teams in the future.

Well, for one thing, so many teams want to play Notre Dame that the Irish will be forced to play 10 games next fall, instead of the usual nine, in order to fulfill contractual obligations. Leahy hasn't any intention of leaving Notre Dame, "unless the university no longer wants me," he said. The break with Army after 34 years was ascribed as the main reason why Leahy would quite Notre Dame, yet the Army break is only a temporary one, according to West Point officials themselves. What about Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio State, etc.? All of them had gone off the Notre Dame schedule long before Leahy appeared on the scene, so he had nothing to do with their leaving.

The Philosophic Mind

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historian than Dr. Frederick J. Zwielerin, D.Sc.M.H., professor emeritus of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Zwielerin contends that Article XI, Section 4 of the State Constitution refers solely to the appropriation of money to schools which are privately supported, and not to tax-supported, or public schools. Be that as it may, it is high time that the Constitutions of our respective states were revised so as to guarantee in clear and unequivocal language the rights of all American children to their religious heritage.

Rights Of All

We wish to emphasize here that we are speaking of the rights of all children, and not merely of American Catholic children. As a whole, Catholic children are much better taken care of in the matter of religious education than are Protestant children. There are at least 3,000,000 Catholic children in parochial schools. There are many thousands more in Catholic institutions of higher learning where their religious education keeps pace with their progress in the secular sciences and is properly integrated to them. Protestants, although having a numerical ratio of 3 to 2 to Catholics in this country, maintain practically no religious schools, and are almost entirely dependent upon the public schools and secular colleges for the education of their young people. Hence, Protestants need religious instruction in the public schools for their children even more than Catholics. We speak, therefore, for justice for all children, Jewish and Protestant, as well as Catholic; for children living in the rural districts where there are no parochial schools as well as for the children of the large city parish who enjoy the finest in modern parochial education.

While the primary benefit of religious instruction for children in the public schools will accrue to the individual child who will learn that it has a soul to save and an eternal destiny to work out, nevertheless the nation also will benefit both in the superior type of citizen which the schools will produce and in the preservation of fundamental American principles which are based upon religious facts and which under a system of secular education must of necessity in time be lost. Our nation is built upon the great principles of the dignity, infinite value, and inalienable rights of the individual. But all this is meaningless if we do not postulate a God who has given to the individual, regardless of age, race, or social standing, this dignity, this infinite value, these inalienable rights. It is all meaningless unless we, as Americans, understand that the individual has an immortal soul, a supernatural life, an eternal destiny. These facts of life must be taught to the youth of America if they are to know what Americanism means, and if they are to perpetuate intelligently the American tradition to posterity.

I believe that I am safe in saying that comparatively few secular educators understand the relation of religious truths to our fundamental American rights and liberties. Hence, it is obvious that they cannot appreciate the importance of religious instruction in the preservation of our American heritage. Before the constitutions of our states can be changed so as to permit integrated religious instruction in the public schools and adequate financial support for religious schools, an educational campaign must be conducted on a nation-wide basis both for the public and for leaders in the field of secular education. It will avail little for the Bishops of the United States to denounce secularism, if their denunciation is not followed by a well organized campaign and launched against secular education.

Such a campaign should begin now.

American educators would do well to heed the advice of Colonel George Drew, Premier of Ontario: "Education is our first line of defense against those dangerous doctrines which threaten our Christian civilization as much as any material power, including the dreadful possibilities of atomic energy. I have no hesitation in saying that I regard the spread of Communism, based upon materialistic atheism, as a threat to civilization quite as great as the atomic bomb or any material force which man has at his disposal. . . The bulwark against Communism is religion."

Father Conroy Talking

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ment. And for that same reason a lot of people who go to Confession never mention anything about the Fifth Commandment. But wait a minute!

There is also something in the Fifth Commandment about killing the other fellow's soul. How can you murder another person's soul? Simply, easily and thoughtlessly enough—namely by giving scandal. Yes, it is true. By giving scandal it is possible for us to destroy another's soul, causing him to lose it for all eternity.

Little are we aware of those who are looking up to us for good example. Little do we suspect the many younger kids who hold us up as heroes in their own eyes. They do not come right out and tell us so, but they secretly admire us and will actually imitate our manner of speech, our walk, our talk or even the way we comb our hair. They form their opinion of the right and wrong way to do a thing by the way we do it. I am not talking especially about the athletes around school or others who are rather constantly in the public eye. I am talking about—just any of us. We all have some following even though we do not realize it. And because of this we all have some responsibility in leading others on to what will eventually be the salvation of their souls.

I do not care to describe all the harm that can come from our thoughtless bad conduct. Rather let us look at it this way: Think of the challenge that is ours. Really all of the organizations that we belong to call for this one fundamental in us—the giving of good example. We cannot be successful members of them—nor can we really be good students in school unless we are constantly on the look-out for the opportunity to give good example and to stay away from any occasion where we might give bad example. Think this one over. It is a fundamental. Learn it well and you will go places. Drill the idea into your mind of giving good example and Our Lord will make good use of you when it comes to the fancier ways of accomplishing things for Him.

College Conflict

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binding spirit of unity that supplants the attitude of indifference that I found prevalent at the university. My friends are closer to me, because we all believe in the same basic truths and are striving for the same ultimate goal. When I attend early morning Mass and evening devotions, when I go to classes in which God is emphasized rather than ignored, when my friends say "Let's remember each other in our prayers," I have that "you belong here" feeling I have discovered that a Catholic education gives one something much more vital than mere intellectual knowledge for it gives one the Catholic

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"Just in case one becomes too smugly complacent in regard to leper care, it might be well to remember that the Catholic Church is not the only religious denomination interested in the well being of the victims of this disease," states the Bishop. "Our separated brethren are deeply and sincerely concerned about this physical care, and, as a consequence, have adopted a five year plan whereby they will distribute \$90,000 annually until 1952 to fight inroads of the disease through education and social methods for combating its spread. We learn that a sum of \$5,000,000 is required from donors, individuals or corporate, who wish to provide the sinews for this new

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Baptist Publications Slander The Church

Shaw, Mississippi

Editor:

Lately, our Baptist step-cousins have been carrying on a most vicious campaign against the Church of all their forefathers—the Church Christ established when He was here in the flesh, of which there can be no other Church of His.

I read several Baptist papers every week, and note the terrible onslaughts they carry on against the Church.

If the Church was only one-hundredth as bad as they picture it, no Catholic would go within gunshot distance of it.

Observe these:

"Catholicism is all idolatry."
"Catholicism is no better than Communism."

"Catholics worship the Virgin Mary."

"Catholicism murdered all the saints for a thousand years."

To follow all such onslaughts and many, many others, one would imagine that they think the Catholic Church is a colossal penitentiary... a huge charnel house inhabited with scorpions, spiders, wasps and rattle snakes. One of their publications asserted that, "If we Baptists could bring Christ to New Orleans, we could accomplish so many other great things."

What they mean is, that "Catholic New Orleans" needs Christ, and Christ would be glorified if such a stunt could be accomplished by them. Isn't all that (?) nice?

Of course, if they did that—bring 18 different sects of the Baptists to New Orleans, New Orleans would be a babel of confusion, pure and simple.

On one page of their publications, they laud Christ, which is lovely, but on the following page, they stoop to bear false witness against the Catholic Church... concoct all

sorts of distorted characters, and style in "Romanism."

These agitators, instead of keeping their press a sweet, religious press turn it into an anti-Catholic press, even to the extent of nastiness. Their invectives are cruel and nauseating with slander.

It seems to me that if God favors some Catholics with "stigmata,"—such as St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, Theresa Neumann, Father Pio and many others—that God favors, the Catholic Church which covers every moment of the Christian era. Who ever heard of a stigmatist among the sects that carry on a campaign of slander and false witness?

If St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Jerome, St. John Chrysostom, St. Ignatius and hundreds like them could be summoned from their peaceful abodes to view these warring sects, villifying the Church that made them saints, no doubt they'd call Christ down to pity those sects, and remove their dense prejudice and bigotry, and place their feet upon a rock—The Rock of Ages—The Catholic Church.

That fellow was right when he said: "Ignorance is bliss when it is folly to be wise!"

Sincerely,
Joseph Cinegarer

Reader Says He Got A Bargain

Editor:

I ordered the nine books advertised for \$2.00 in Our Sunday Visitor, and found that the two books "Our National Enemy No. One," and "Civilization's Builder and Protector" in themselves were worth double the price I paid for the entire set. I am sending those books to you, under separate cover, and would appreciate it if you would autograph them for me. I have a Catholic library (separate from my law library) of 700 books, many of them autographed. I have autographs from their Graces, Bishops Swint and Kelley and Archbishop Ireland, and Fathers Ellard, Gruden, Knox, Edwards, Martinsdale, Nagle, Conway, Blount, Talbot, Dune, McCarthy, Magner, etc.

We have a splendid council of the Knights of Columbus here and during my year as Grand Knight, we assisted the Parish in putting on a Silver Jubilee for our pastor, Father R. A. Neudecker, for the splendid efficient work in this parish and the others he had during his 25 years work.

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Family Life

Catholic Woman's Interests

Letters : Books

By Mary E. McGill

Wave Of Crime Recently Struck Hoosier Capital

THIS time we really refer to Indiana and to its thriving capital—Indianapolis—with shame and sorrow. For within recent weeks a wave of crime has rushed over the chief city of Hoosierdom that has chilled the hearts of men and women and made the blood of young and old run cold.

The criminals who created such panic through abduction, vicious attacks, and murder, recently made the columns of Time, to the embarrassment of the residents of Indianapolis, who feel they have a beautiful and prosperous city, though within war years, and particularly within recent months law and order have been on the wane. However, an aroused citizenry is righting the situation. Criminals are being tried and will receive penalties. Meanwhile, protection of citizens is guaranteed by increased police force and other protective measures necessary.

But it is folly to attribute crime to lack of adequate police protection, without pointing out first causes, though all will admit that just laws and firm enforcement of law and order are strong deterrents of evil forces. Prompt action, close watching of criminals, will put fear in the hearts of would-be offenders who are not restrained by conscience. But healing at the root embraces a stronger remedial agent than police department vigilance.

Society Suffers Everywhere From Irreligion

The Crime Storm that hit Indianapolis has touched every city in our country. No one knows which other city will be visited by a similar crime attack, nor when. Crime follows periods of stress! The aftermath of wars is moral laxity. The aftermath of neglect of religious education and moral training of youth is juvenile delinquency. There is also an ascending ladder which leads to crimes in adult years. Not only Indianapolis, but every city and town in the United States is suffering from the evil effects of years of fighting, and from the other two aftermaths aforementioned.

Homes that have not been sustained by Christian lessons in the virtues; schools that have not brought Christ into the hearts of youth and schools that have not taught respect for God's laws, which respect embraces observance of civil laws, regard for property rights, and self-control concerning the passions that swirl in humanity's breast; parents who give bad examples to their children; the public who flout moral decencies,—all these units to make a Christian society un-Christian, a country ungodly, a state and its cities and towns unsafe.

The sooner husbands and wives cease secret murders; i.e., destruction of the unborn, and the thwarting of potential life through base preventive measures; the quicker parents treat each other with reverence and insist on respect and obedience from their children, after they have lived in a way to merit this respect, and to inspire honor and obedience from their children; the earlier religion and the virtues are taught in the home and in all the nation's schools; and the more promptly little children and youth are required to attend Divine Services, whether or not these children are Catholic or are members of families who profess belief in the various Christian denominations, the greater the hope of Americans for safety at home, on the street, at farm firesides, and on the highways. America must pray or worse evils will encompass her!

Was Webster Far Wrong?

A hundred years ago Daniel Webster uttered this solemn warning:

"If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country . . . I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian."

"If truth be not diffused, error will be."

"If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy."

"If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will."

"If the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end."

Was he far wrong?



ST ANTHONY GUILD PRESS, Paterson, New Jersey.
On Kindness, by Very Rev. J. Guibert, S.S. \$1.25

This dainty, cloth-bound book contains a treasury of beautiful thoughts and abundant first-aids to the happiness of others and, in reaction, for the contentment of those who scatter kindness among fellow-sufferers. For, is it not true that we all suffer in one way or another? Also, is it not equally true that each of us yearns for the esteem and sympathy of others?

Father Guibert says that kindness has the power to make us happy "because it is the expression of the two sentiments that arouse us most effectually to action—esteem and sympathy; but for these our mind and will are starved."

Again, he writes: "To the man who feels that he is neither esteemed nor loved, the temptation to stop trying is perilously near. Kindness received keeps us up precisely because they mean a liking for us and are themselves a pledge of sympathy." And he finds the reason we instinctively like kind people is that—"They are to us a refuge, like the arms of a mother to her child."

Wholeheartedly I recommend this 160 page book to everybody. It abounds in apt quotations. It is laden with helps to acquirement of "a feeling heart." If we have reason to believe we are a little hard, here is the book to tenderize our attitudes and approaches to others, thus we will soften their lives. Father Faber puts it like this: "Kindness makes life bearable." Father Guibert points the way to compassionate kindness.

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THE DUJARIE PRESS, Notre Dame, Ind.
The Son Of Thunder, by Brother Ernest, C.S.C. \$1.75.

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The Story of St. Peter. Both of the above books are for boys and girls in upper grades and Junior High. Excellent lives of St. John and St. Peter.

MACMILLAN COMPANY, 88 5th Ave., New York City.

The Eagle And The Cross, By Prince Hubertus zu Loewenstein. \$1.75.

For older boys and girls, who will find this introduction to the court of Tiberius, Emperor of Rome, to their liking. The story is laid in the period shortly after Christ's crucifixion. Like the author's earlier story, "The Child and the Emperor," the narrative is imaginative and strongly beautiful. Christ's message pervades the pages. The story moves powerfully along and is recommended to youth and to adults for its theme and its artistry.

Jealous Of Her Daughter

A wife has a place in the heart of her husband wholly different from that of their child. The love of a husband for his wife is also a different form of affection than that which he entertains for a child. It is strange then to encounter jealousy on the part of a mother because of the love and interest the husband gives their daughter. But these cases arise. It would seem self-centeredness on the part of the mother is sometimes the seed that grows such an ugly jealous plant.

A father often sees in his beloved daughter the image of her mother when she was his bride. He loves the child with an added tenderness because she is the gift of love and a perpetuation of the charm that led him to the Marriage Altar. This special tenderness is but a part of his sacred parental affection for his child. That he should be proud of her, that he should enjoy taking her places and that he should find her company a lift to his spirits, should surprise no one, and especially should his wife not suffer in jealous defeat because of this fatherly devotion. But a few women do resent not being the whole object of a man's affection. It is rather silly for a wife-mother to feel that way, isn't it?

But there is another angle. Take for example, the wife who complains her husband does not take her out with him, neither does he make any effort to introduce her to his friends, nor does he care to have her visit his relatives, but he is always willing to push their daughter forward.

One wonders what is the difficulty in this particular case. The wife says she dresses well, is considered good-looking, and intelligent. Could it be that she has a disagreeable disposition, or that she is a killjoy. Not that these faults should excuse her husband from making an effort to give her happiness, but the uncongenial do not mix well with friends and relations, and men—even husbands—are likely to sidestep frictions and put the best foot foremost. The foot should not be taken literally . . . It could mean that he uses a charming daughter as a friendly foil.

The wife would be smart, don't you think, if she would look into her own heart searchingly and unsparingly. Perhaps if she would sweeten-up a bit, be less sensitive, more eager to make her husband and daughter happy, it would not be long before she would be urged to go places by her husband, and the daughter would be encouraged to accept attention from desirable youths close to her own age. For the wife declares the daughter is old enough to keep company. Who knows but what the husband is making an effort to widen her daughter's circle so she can make worthwhile friends? Some mothers are not real aids in helping their daughters to happy marriages, though the majority are rather skillful in suave endeavors of this nature. Again, there are men who are driven to genuine selfishness. Their wives have permitted themselves to become uninteresting, and they seek relaxation in the company of happy young people and glory in the happiness of fatherhood and the joy it gives to their otherwise thwarted normal, companionable associations at home.

Whatever the difficulty, a clever wife, by giving thought and employing wise tactics, can win her right to the companionship of her spouse. She will best attain her end by not exhibiting jealousy over her own daughter, but by graciously contriving to include her in all social plans. Unless the husband is a selfish beast (an awful word, beast, to apply to a human being, isn't it?) he will fit in with her subtle maneuvering for marital happiness. And it may

be that the daughter will have sufficient intuition to help her in all her wifely strategy. For after all, can there be any happiness in a family where jealousy thrusts its sharp barbs?

Prayer, love, unselfishness, generous acts, should unravel the skein of jealousy before it becomes drawn into hard knots that refuse to become untied.

Jealousy is a mean trait. Let us not grow more specific today.

God Took Over

Someone has sent an excerpt from a letter published by Dr. Holland in his column in "The Prairie Farmer," with urgent request that it be set out in my page for the assistance of similar addicts to alcoholism as the correspondent who wrote to the farm journal columnist. I quote:

"No one will ever know who has not experienced it, the chains of alcoholism. I forgot my wife's loyal love, my children's need, and my duty to work and earn a living for my loved ones. In my despair at being unable to control myself, I fell down upon my knees, and asked God to take over. He did, and I have not hankered for alcohol since. It may sound like a pipe dream to people who have never worn the chains of alcohol, but it is the truth. I am a free man,—freed by Christ."

Freed by Christ because he turned to God for grace and strength when he humbly acknowledged his inability to conquer his thirst without Divine help supporting his will to amend his wasted life! Matt Talbot conquered in like manner his sixteen years' habit of drinking excessively daily. I have told you more than once about that repentant Irishman who never reached out again for the bottle. That took an extraordinary grace and a firm resolution of amendment. The anonymous correspondent quoted above appears to have had a similar conversion.

A. A. Prayer

A poignant and thoughtful little prayer written by a member of the local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous:

Dear God, grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference!" —A.L.

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Washington Letter Effort To Create Division Among Religions Decried

Charges Of Catholic
Effort To Take Over
Public Schools Refuted

BY J. J. GILBERT

Washington, Dec. 10. — For some time certain elements have been going about saying religious groups are trying to break down "the wall between Church and State" in this country, and that the various religious denominations are trying to take over the public schools.

We are now beginning to see the first glimmerings of a by-product, or perhaps the next calculated step, of this sort of propaganda. Some people are beginning to advocate an attitude toward the public schools that would make them so actively secular they would be aggressively anti-religious.

A particularly unfortunate aspect of this new development, and it seems to be a development that could have been foreseen, is that persons prominent in various religious groups are in the forefront of those who oppose released time religious instruction, free bus transportation and welfare services for children attending parochial schools, and similar public welfare programs. By the very vigor with which they have fought these proposals, calling them "the camel's nose under the tent," these men of religion have paved the way for the pronounced secularist view that is now beginning to appear.

They have said that the Catholic Church is trying to "take over" the public schools. Now those who capitalize on their trail blazing say that all the religious groups are trying to "muscle in," and that they should be actively resisted. This gives an excuse for swinging the pendulum far in the other direction toward active, belligerent secularism or anti-religion.

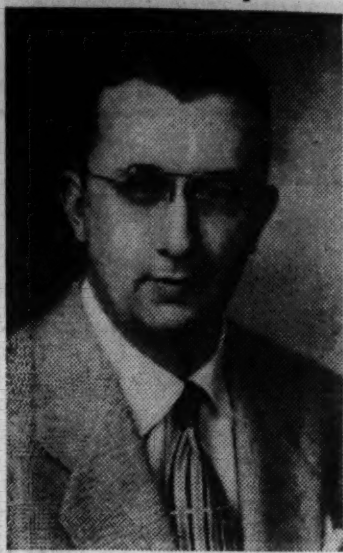
Thus it is that you have addresses at teachers' conventions flaying "the churches" for causing "division" among pupils by their released time religious instruction; speeches that tell "the churches" to get out of the schools or that call upon the people to put them out; speeches that glorify and idealize the schools as the focus of a community's solidarity, and urge that nothing—not even religion—be permitted to interfere with them. Schools have been called the medium through which all health and welfare programs are placed at the disposal of the family in a natural, simplified manner.

Propaganda of this sort, in turn, prepares the public for a ruling by a school official banning the singing of Christmas carols making reference to the Nativity or any Christmas observance having "religious significance," as if Christmas were not a religious feast. This school official said that while "personal jollity and merrymaking" are fine for the children of the public schools, "the religious features of the day should be eliminated. It should not have any sectarian religious significance."

There is a recurring reference these days to "sectarian religion," with the suggestion that it is narrow-minded and un-Christian for one to think that his is the true religion. It is even bruted about that the various religious denominations are fighting fiercely among themselves, and that the schools, if left alone, could do better by a person than the churches do. At any rate, it is said, the churches are threatening their own spiritual mission if they interfere in any way with the "unifying" work of the public schools.

Such persons create the impression that the Protestant churches on one side and the Catholic Church on the other are engaged in a fierce hand-to-hand struggle. Many people swallow this, either because they want to, or because they don't think. But it takes two

Secretary



Notre Dame, Ind. — John N. Cackley, Jr., '37, of Charleston, W. Va., former Treasury Department and United States Foreign Service official, has been appointed Executive Secretary of the newly-created Notre Dame Foundation, it has been announced by James E. Armstrong, Secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Foundation. The Notre Dame Foundation has been organized to meet the financial problems of the University's progress, through increased sustaining income and additional capital endowment.

to make a struggle, and if some Protestant individuals and publications are constantly inveighing against Catholicism, that does not make a struggle. The Catholic Church has consistently maintained an attitude of friendship and charity. It is true that Catholics have spoken out vigorously against persecution of religion, but in this they have condemned Godless regimes—the enemies of all religion, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish.

Look rather to the scholarly warning which three eminent Protestant clergymen have given in the official organ of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches. Dean Luther A. Weigle of the Yale Divinity School, Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, director of the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council of Churches, and Tom Keehn, legislative secretary of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches, pointing out that complete separation of church and state has never existed in the United States, call upon all religious-minded people in our country to defend against the secularization of our culture.

"The strength of their (the Catholics') claims for support of their schools as a part of the nation's educational establishment," wrote Dr. Johnson, "lies in their contention that a purely secular program is not enough. To the extent that Protestants concur in this judgment they are confronted with a difficult question . . . From a typically secularist point of view there is no problem, for all criticism of the public schools on religious grounds is rejected as groundless. We Protestants cannot dismiss the matter so easily."

Mr. Keehn said: "There is desperate need for a calm, rational, statesmanlike attack on the real issues, the crisis in public education, the real meaning of 'indirect aid,' the proper policy on a specific issue such as transportation . . . The Protestant philosophy of education must be restated and applied to the real issues of today."

Dean Weigle reminded that "it was not unbelievers, but believers, who brought religious freedom into American life and established it as a national principle," and that "the separation of Church and State in this country was intended not to restrict but to emancipate the churches, not to impair but to protect religious faith."

It is indeed time to restate principles, and to defend principles. It is time, too, to recall the real meaning of separation of church and state. It is time to protect the schools of our country, not from religion, but from an active, aggressive secularism that seeks to stamp out religion from the life of the nation.

Communism In Italy Traced To People's Hunger

Few Fear Ultimate
Triumph Of Reds But
Look For Civil War

Rome, Dec. 8.—(NC)—"Why and how can there be so many communists among Catholic Italians?" That has been our constant question since the day we boarded the boat last summer. The answers, which substantially amount to one, are particularly interesting in the light of the recent troubles all over Italy.

Basically, the response has been uniform. It goes like this: Italians are not, and will not be, communist at heart, but merely for practical, personal reasons. Italy is a poor country, most of its people are poor. They never received a fair deal from the very rich, the landowners, the industrialists. Under Mussolini things were very good, there was plenty of work and everyone had a modest little bit, but he misled them in the end. Now, worse off than ever, many of them would try something new, but even this, only in the practical political sense.

During the recent troubled days it was, indeed, hard to find anyone who was taking the situation seriously, excepting, of course, the far left and its press. We talked with clergy and laity, the unlettered and the educated, businessmen, office workers and waiters, journalists, reporters and teachers.

The reaction was, again, astonishingly uniform; it could be summed up in the words: "They've really done it now." The journalist, the businessman and the chauffeur agreed that it was completely artificial trouble, a calculated maneuver, deliberate, inspired violence. They dismissed it with a shrug and said the people were very well sick of it by now, even those who have "gone along" with them for some time.

Why, we asked, are the communists acting this way? In the opinion of many, particularly of the press, it is their last ditch stand, their last resort to obstruct recovery and order and to embarrass the government. They have tried everything else and have been beaten all along the line: losing their first attempt at winning the mayoralty of Rome, being essentially unsuccessful with the strikes among agricultural and other workers last summer in the north as well as in the more recent parliamentary battles, in the October Roman elections and most recently in the choice of Christian-Democratic Rebecchini as Mayor of Rome.

Now, so far as newsmen are concerned, they expect more of it in the next few months. Communist tactics will be to continue to cause unrest, even violent, widespread trouble, and then to ask the government why it doesn't do something about it. Pinning their hopes on trouble, instability and unrest, aiming to prevent confidence, order and progress, communists will try, after a winter of discontent, to achieve a substantial victory in the spring elections.

At any rate, the trouble has not been as serious as press reports may have suggested; it is not, at the moment, deep-seated. Very few regard it as presently serious. They do expect more of it. To an outsider, it looks as though it could become more serious than these people seem to think.

Professor Farrell At Oak Ridge Symposium

Notre Dame, Ind.—Joseph B. Farrell Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Notre Dame who was associated with the Manhattan District Atomic Energy Project during World War II, will represent Notre Dame at a Heat Transfer Symposium being held this week (Dec. 8-13) at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The symposium, conducted by the Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft Division of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, will strive toward a solution to the problem of applying nuclear energy to the propulsion of aircraft through a development of new methods of heat transfer.

Birdman



Rensselaer—"Two birds in the hand are worth four in the bush," reasons the Rev. John Baechle, C. P. S., (above), assistant professor of biology at St. Joseph's College.

In spare time the young priest and his student helpers have banded 11,162 birds of 80 species for the government Fish and Wildlife Service. The two brown thrashers above had just enjoyed the square meal which lured them into the bander's comfortable cage. After this picture was taken, they were decorated with the identifying band and set free.

Another of Father Baechle's activities, bird and insect portraiture, will come into play when 125 of his lifelike color portraits will go on display as a "one man" nature exhibit this month at the Chicago Natural History Museum.

Fibber And Molly Stay In Lead In R.A.P. Poll

Rensselaer, Ind.—College student critics of the Radio Acceptance Poll gave Fibber McGee & Molly their best "highly acceptable" rating after auditing 19 radio comedy shows during sixth week of the poll's operation.

It was the fifth time in six weeks that Fibber and Molly were rated "highly acceptable," and the third time they headed the "good taste" list of radio entertainers. A total of 1,282 college pollsters of all creeds were at their dials during the week of the 16th, according to the weekly report issued today from Radio Acceptance Poll Headquarters at St. Joseph's College.

Two new programs—Fred Allen and Abbott & Costello—made their acceptability debut. Both rated "acceptable." Allen was fourth and Abbot & Costello was 13th. Seventeen individual performers were "highly acceptable"; 54 were "acceptable"; and, four were "barely acceptable."

Here are Radio Acceptance Poll results for programs audited during the sixth week:

Fibber McGee & Molly, Henry Morgan, Eddie Cantor, Fred Allen, Jimmy Durante, Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Charlie McCarthy, Burns & Allen, Duffy's Tavern, Bob Hope, Fitch Bandwagon, Abbott & Costello, Baby Snooks, Jack Carson, Jack Paar, Milton Berle, It Pays to Be Ignorant, Jim Backus.

1,507 Persons Are Employed At N. D.

Notre Dame, Ind.—A record number of 1,507 persons are on the full-time employment records at the University of Notre Dame, it was announced Dec. 9, by the Rev. John J. Burke, C.S.C., Business Manager at Notre Dame.

Father Burke, who said that the total of full-time employees at Notre Dame is continually increasing, revealed that the University payroll has doubled during the past ten years. Not included in the figure are more than 250 priests and brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross who are at Notre Dame, but who do not receive salaries, and hundreds of Notre Dame students who are employed part-time helping to earn some of their expenses at Notre Dame.

Venezuelans To Choose President For First Time

Voters Have Choice Of
Three Candidates, A
Catholic Among Them

Caracas, Dec. 8.—(NC)—For the first time in the history of Venezuela, the people will go to the polls on December 14 to choose a president of the Republic.

The voters, many of whom still lack a fully developed civic consciousness, have the choice of three candidates: Rumulo Gallegos of the socialist Democratic Action party; Rafael Caldera, the choice of the Catholic-supported COPEI movement, and Gustavo Machado of the Communist party.

Mr. Gallegos, who has achieved renown as a novelist and was nominated by the strongly organized Democratic Action party now in control of the government, is a professed laicist. His party has already made several revisions in the national constitution which infringe on the right of private education, and is also endeavoring to pass the law of patronage which would place many Church matters into the hands of the government and restrict Bishops in the exercise of their jurisdiction. While Mr. Gallegos, himself an unbeliever, has stated that he will respect religion, the fact remains that his measures opposed by the Church, and should he win the presidency it is likely that the party will press for enactment of these measures.

The communist candidacy is generally regarded as mere propaganda. In view of the small communist following, most observers believe that Mr. Machado has not the slightest chance. The fact that the communists have presented a candidate is regarded as a move to try to convince people that they have attained stature in the political life of the nation. It is interesting to note that the communists in this country are split into what are called Stalinist and Leninist groups.

Dr. Caldera, the COPEI candidate, is a well known sociologist and statesman. Educated in Catholic colleges, he has three times served as a representative in parliament. He is professor of sociology at the University of Caracas, and is author of a volume on the rights of labor in which he expounds Catholic social doctrine. During the recent parliamentary sessions Dr. Caldera showed himself to be one of Venezuela's best orators, staunchly upholding the principles and interests of Catholics especially in the matter of education.

COPEI (the Independent Committee for Political and Electoral Organization) was originally not a political party but merely a movement to interest people in their civil rights and induce them to exercise these rights.

The supporters of Dr. Caldera entertain no illusions. They realize that they are at a distinct disadvantage because their opponent enjoys government support. However, they also know that the election will decide some all-important religious and social issues. Consequently, the campaign is feverish.

While December 14 will mark the first time the Venezuelan people will choose their president by secret ballot it is the second time that they will elect their representatives to Congress by universal and secret suffrage. Perhaps this election in Venezuela, often called the land of the unexpected, will hold a surprise.

Irish Cistercian Heads Foundation In Scotland

Dublin, Dec. 8.—(NC)—The election of Dom Columban Mulcahy as Lord Abbot of Nunraw Cistercian Abbey in Scotland has caused much rejoicing throughout Ireland. Dom Columban, who only two months ago was appointed Definitor-General of the Order, became the first Cistercian Abbot in Scotland since the dissolution of the monasteries, when he was installed on November 30 by Dom Camillus Claffey, Lord Abbot of Mount St. Joseph, Roscrea, Ireland, which is the motherhouse of the two-year-old Nunraw foundation.

Catechism For The Honest Inquirer

Easy To Find The True Church

Q—One would suppose that such a Kingdom or Church, as described in the last instruction, could easily be found.

A—It can. It represented the only Christian religion in the world for centuries. The ancestors of most Americans and Europeans belonged to it, and today it counts 100,000,000 more members than all other Christian bodies combined.

Protestantism was not heard of until 1500 years after Christ. This is a generally acknowledged historical fact.

Q—History, then, proves the human origin of Protestantism?

A—Yes, you need only to consult any historical work or any Encyclopedia to find the names of the persons who founded the Lutheran, the Anglican, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Baptist, and all the other sects which constitute Protestantism. The same sources of information mention no human founder of the Catholic Church, which can be traced through 260 Popes back to the Apostles, as our present form of government can be traced through the Presidents back to its founders.

Q—But do not Protestant leaders teach that the Catholic Church strayed from the truth and that the "reformers" restored primitive Christianity?

A—They do so teach, but they deny faith in Christ while so doing, since He declared His Church would not go astray. Which reformers "reformed," since they

greatly disagreed? Since the first "reformers" numerous others have appeared to "reform" their work. Today Protestant leaders say that a "new Reformation" is needed which is an admission that modern Protestantism has strayed from its own original teachings and standards.

Q—If the Catholic Church had been in possession for fifteen centuries, wouldn't it know better what was always believed than Protestant teachers of our day?

A—Your conclusion is correct. Every Christian who wrote history before the Reformation was a Catholic. The Catholic Church has an official diary going back to the first century. The Council of Nice in the year 325 defined the faith of the Golden Christian era—that of millions of martyrs; that of Constantinople a century later, and other Councils which followed, century after century, both refuted false heading and declared what was primitive Christian belief and practice. Those who take the trouble to consult the decrees of these General Councils, discover that the Catholic Church never altered apostolic teaching.

Q—How do you explain the widespread opposition to a Church which claims a divine Founder?

A—It is very easy. How did the people of His time treat that divine Founder? Did they not misrepresent Him, persecute Him and murder Him? Did they not do the same thing to His Apostles? Didn't Christ predict that His followers would be treated as

He was (Matt. X, 24-25; XXIV, 9; John XV, 19)?

A human church is never opposed or persecuted by the world. Protestantism in Germany, like the Orthodox Church in Russia, Bulgaria, and other countries, was even given encouragement by anti-Christian powers to join in the persecution of the Catholic Church.

When Hitler in Germany, Stalin in Russia, Tito in Yugoslavia, Calles in Mexico, strove to destroy Christianity itself they sought the cooperation of other churches, by representing that their target was the Catholic Church only.

Q—It seems that Protestantism rejects the infallibility of the Catholic Church yet bases its very rule of faith on that doctrine. Am I right?

A—Yes, all Protestants hold that "the Bible and the Bible only" is their rule of faith, or their sole religious authority, yet the only proof they have that the Bible is genuine, inspired, and correctly translated from the original is the word of the Catholic Church. If the Church was not infallible in that pronouncement, then they have no guarantee that the Bible possesses any divine authority. Hence only Catholics can consistently use the Bible as an authority on faith and morals. St. Augustine, one of the most learned converts of all times, said that he would not have accepted the Bible as the revealed word of God unless the infallible voice of the Church had previously declared it to be that.

selves arrived, but rather to the prejudices instilled into their hearts.

They have been grossly deceived concerning the Catholic attitude. They falsely charge Catholics with paying divine honors to Mary, with placing her above Christ, with looking for their salvation to her rather than to Christ, the Redeemer, then they go to the other extreme and practically ignore her, who was high in the councils of God from the beginning. God placed Christ and Mary together on the very day that Adam sinned, when He told Eve that there would be enmity between her and a certain other woman, whose seed would crush the serpent's head. If her seed was Christ, she was His Mother, whose free consent God expected before giving us His divine Son for our redemption.

The late Cardinal Gibbons expressed in these tender words the manner in which Jesus and Mary were always associated, and in which they evidently were to be associated in the Church throughout all times:

I find Thee, O Jesus, nestled in the arms of Thy Mother in the manger at Bethlehem; I find you both together in your exile in Egypt; together in Nazareth, together in the temple; I find her standing beside Thee at the cross on Mount Calvary. I find your names inscribed side by side in the Apostles' Creed. It is fitting that both names should often flow successively from my lips. Inseparable in life and in death, they should not be divorced in my prayers, for "what God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Berlin to the effect that 2,000 youths and an estimated 40,000 German soldiers released by British and American officials have been arrested by the Soviets and have disappeared. Of the youngsters, one was a child 11 years old; eight were under 14; 149 just 14; 285 were 15; 270 were 16; 144 were 17, and the rest were over 17.

According to Cardinal Frings of Cologne, these people were deported from their homes in the Russian Zone. Two mothers were arrested for merely making inquiry about their vanished children.

The trouble is that when we Catholics call such matters to world attention, our efforts are ignored as so much special pleading. But this instance of deportation protested by Cardinal Frings would fall within the purview of Mr. Lyon's proposed committee, which would be above all suspicion of special pleading.

That's why, for the love of God, we Catholics should endorse the proposed International Commission to Combat Slavery. It will be fighting for the natural rights of all humanity.

Write to "The New Leader" Today
The editors of The New Leader, sponsoring the committee, invite—urge—everyone to sit down NOW and give them their opinion of the project. Specifically, they ask:

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"The International Commission to Combat Slavery should be so constituted that its findings would be accepted as non-partisan, as objective, as authoritative. No greater task faces mankind than to defend our liberties, to stop totalitarian terror which has become an export commodity—and most important of all, to free the millions of slave laborers who are themselves helpless to fight their slave-drivers."

"Exposure and abolition of slavery wherever it exists should be a function of the United Nations, but even if the UN did concern itself with this task, it would still be necessary to organize an unofficial commission. If you agree, let us know."

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Adam And Christ; Eve And Mary

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Sarah when she learned that God had demanded her son of promise as a sacrifice. Mary had even a sadder experience. When Jesus was only forty days old the prophet Simeon told Mary "a sword of sorrow will pierce thy heart." Her divine Son would actually be taken from her and sacrificed. God, therefore, demanded far more of Mary than He had of Sarah. See her accompanying her Son on the way of the cross to Calvary and witnessing His sacrifice by crucifixion. No angel from Heaven intervened to stop that sacrifice—"and near the cross stood Mary His Mother."

Is it any wonder that God had inspired Mary to utter the prophecy "for behold from hence forth all generations shall call me blessed" (Luke I, 48)? This text is clearly written in every Bible used by Protestants, but they do not call her "blessed;" they pay her little honor and, almost without exception, refuse to approach Christ through her, even though He made His approach to us through her. This is not due, we are certain, to any attitude of mind at which they had them-

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Slavery Spreads In Red-Europe

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Leader, took the trouble to write the editors, making the same denial. Very well, then—Russia has nothing to fear from an impartial on-the-spot investigation. Contrariwise, it would benefit by a widely publicized refutation of the calumny—if such it be.

Our Catholic Efforts

We Catholics have been working hard at precisely this crusade of exposure. Week after week, our press has been hammering at the facts. Only a few weeks ago, NCWC-News Service featured a dispatch of Max Jordan's from



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Senator Studies Family Allowance Act For U. S.

Sen. Wagner Of New York Conducting Survey On Leaders' Opinions

Washington, Dec. 8.—(NC)—Introduction of legislation which would set up a Family Allowance Act, a project which long has been favored by many Catholic leaders, is being contemplated by Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York, it has been learned here.

Senator Wagner has assigned a staff, headed by Joseph P. McMurray, his administrative assistant, to study the family allowance plans of a number of other countries, notably the Canadian system, which has been in operation since 1945, and to gather the reaction of U. S. groups to such a project.

In his search for opinions, Mr. McMurray plans to canvass the nation's outstanding religious, labor, social welfare and kindred groups.

A pamphlet entitled "Family Allowances," prepared by the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., and published by the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, embodies a study of the Catholic reaction to such a project.

Prepared in question-and-answer form, the pamphlet discloses that such outstanding Catholic leaders as Bishop Karl J. Alter of Toledo, Chairman of the Social Action Department, N.C.W.C., and Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus, Chairman of the Press Department, N.C.W.C., have spoken in favor of family allowances.

The pamphlet also recalls the words of the late Pope Pius XI in his noted Encyclical "On Reconstructing The Social Order": "Every effort must therefore be made that fathers of families receive a wage sufficient to meet adequately ordinary domestic needs. If in the present state of society this is not always feasible, social justice demands that reforms be introduced without delay which will guarantee every adult working man just such a wage. In this connection we might utter a word of praise for various systems, devised and attempted in practice, by which an increased wage is paid in view of increased family burdens, and a special provision is made for a special need."

Father Schmiedeler's pamphlet points out the apparent necessity of gaining the support of organized labor for such a project. He says that "both in England and in Canada labor had for years held out against family allowances, but several years ago reversed its stand. Shortly after it did so both countries passed National Allowances Acts." The pamphlet relates that in the United States organized labor has given the family allowance question but little attention, although its members have not spoken against such a plan.

A survey has disclosed that 39 nations now have a family allowance plan in effect. Under the Canadian system, families with a yearly income of \$3,600 or less a year are eligible for benefits. The first child of such a family receives a \$5-per-month allowance, while a family with two children receives a \$7.50-per-month allowance. Each addition to the family means an extra allowance.

Senator Wagner's staff has learned that the principal effects of the Canadian system in its two years of operation, have included increased expenditures to doctors, dentists, opticians and others for care of children, increased sales in children's clothing and more children taking advantages of summer health camps and cultural opportunities.

Novena Conducted At St. John The Baptist

Fort Wayne—Conducted by the Rev. Leo A. Pursley, pastor, a novena honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, opened Sunday, November 30 in the parish and closed on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Monday December 8 at 7:30 p. m. with prayers, sermon and benediction. Sunday afternoon at

60-VOLUME CHANT FOR THE BLIND



Mr. Anthony Cirella, famous organist and choir director of St. John's Parish, Roxbury, Mass., reading one of the sixty volumes of the Braille "Liber Usualis" believed to be the only copy in this country. The Braille "Liber" was obtained from France by Boston's Catholic Guild for the Blind. The sixty Braille volumes contain only the material that is in the one ink print volume seen in the picture. (NC Photos)

2 o'clock the Rosary Society held a meeting, Christmas party and gift exchange in the Community room of the school. Fr. Pursley addressed the meeting.

Rev. Wm. M. Faber Gives Thirteen Hours In Kendallville

Fort Wayne—The Rev. William M. Faber, chaplain of St. Vincent's Villa, and an official of the Diocesan matrimonial court, on invitation of the Rev. Andrew C. Mathieu, pastor, conducted thirteen hours' devotion on Sunday at Immaculate Conception church, Kendallville.

Solemn closing of the devotion was held Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Eight of the clergy assisted and a capacity congregation was in attendance. Father Faber gave an inspiring sermon on "The Eucharist."

Dr. R. B. Jones Speaks At K. C. Breakfast

La Porte—One hundred twenty Knights of Columbus of La Porte council received corporate communion at the 8:30 Mass at St. Peter's Church, Nov. 30. After the services in the church, the group assembled at the K. of C. club rooms at Lincoln Way and Clay Street where breakfast was served by the Daughters of Isabella.

The principal guest and speaker at the breakfast meeting was Dr. R. B. Jones of LaPorte, who gave an interesting narration of the trip to the Holy Land which he and his family, accompanied by Msgr. Abraham of Michigan City, made a few years ago.

The meeting was in charge of Harry Haag, program chairman, who introduced the speaker.

St. Patrick's New Sodalis Total Nine

Fort Wayne—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan, rector, officiating, nine young women were admitted to the ranks of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, St. Patrick's church, on the evening of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Monday Dec. 8. The rector was assisted by the Rev. Edward Hession and the Rev. John W. Daniels.

The parish Rosary society, of which Mrs. Erwin Zollinger is president, observed the holiday season on Wednesday evening with a carry-in supper at St. Patrick's, Monday December 8 at 7:30 p. m. with prayers, sermon and benediction. Sunday afternoon at

Catholic Orphan Guild Celebrates

Fort Wayne—The Catholic Orphan Guild which plans an annual program for the children at St. Vincent's Villa, will hold a Christmas party for its membership at 6:30 p. m. Friday, December 12, in the Council chamber of Knights of Columbus home. Mrs. Joseph Junk, Jr., is Guild president; Mrs. Eugene Gildea is chairman and Mrs. William H. Cashman, co-chairman for the affair, assisted by Miss Agneta Baker, Mrs. Alfred Baade, Mrs. C. Glenn Miller and Guild officers.

Members having gifts for the Orphans in answer to the requests in their Christmas letters are requested to bring them to the affair Friday night or take them to the home of Mrs. Clarence Freiburger, 1512 Lake Avenue, who will take them to the Villa.

Friday night, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock, the Orphans' Christmas party, slated by the Guild will be held in the Villa auditorium. Mrs. W. H. Cashman is chairman, Mrs. Freiburger, co-chairman, Anthony J. Offerle will essay the role of "Santa," in distribution of gifts.

Cathedral Rosary Officers Elected

Fort Wayne—Addressed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, rector, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the parish Rosary society, following the services Sunday afternoon, held a business meeting and election of officers in the school gym. Mrs. Ella M. Schoppman was elected president; Mrs. Henry Hipskind, vice president; Mrs. Paul Lauer, secretary and Mrs. Hugh Boland, treasurer. Appointive officers will shortly be named prior to the installation of the staff in January. The Christmas party and gift exchange is planned for 3:30 p. m. Sunday, December 21, in the school gym.

Sacred Heart Sodality Elects Officers

Gary—Miss Dorothy Woloszyn was elected president of Sacred Heart sodality here last week.

Other new officers include Miss Esther Plukas, vice president; Miss Irene Gemeinhart, treasurer; Miss Eleanor Stanik, secretary; Miss Doris Petrovich, social chairman; Miss Genevieve Pete, bulletin board chairman, and Miss Bernice Piernikawski, sick chairman. Officers will be installed at the January meeting.

Convert Club To Hear Father Phillips

Fort Wayne—The Convert Club of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Fort Wayne, held their regular study meeting on the evening of Nov. 25 and on Sunday, Nov. 30, attended eight o'clock Mass at the Cathedral to receive a

corporate communion. On the evening of Dec. 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Swanson, 303 Grove St. they will enjoy their annual Christmas dinner-party, gift exchange and election of officers.

The feature of the evening will be a talk by Father Phillips of Bluffton who will speak on the life of Theresa Neumann and of his recent visit in her home.

Protestants In Latin America Range From One In 500 To One In 25

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 8.—(NC) The followers of Protestantism in Latin America vary from about 5,000, or less than two-hths of one per cent of the population in Venezuela, to 200,000 or less than four per cent in Chile, according to statistics contained in a pamphlet published by the Inter-American Secretariat of Catholic Action here. Latin America, Adventists, Pentecostals, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and the Salvation Army, which operates in most of the Latin American countries.

To overcome the lukewarmness of many Catholics in Latin America, the Inter-American Secretariat sets down the following recommendations: promotion of religion at the same time the pamphlet points out that the chief reason for the spread of Protestantism in Latin America is a scarcity of priests.

The pamphlet notes as the most prominent Protestant groups in religious vocations, wider diffusion of the Church's social doctrine, improvement of religious teaching in Catholic colleges, cultivation of the spirit of prayer and sacrifice among Catholics, and a more frequent use of the Sacraments.

Fourteen Jews And An Irishman Give Bus To Negroes

Comden, Miss., Dec. 8.—(NC) A bus to transport Negro youngsters between their homes and Sacred Heart School, here, has been donated to the institution by a group of 14 Jews and an Irishman from Brooklyn, N. Y.

The bus was accepted by the Rev. M. Andrew Lawrence, of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, director of the school. The gift fulfilled a promise which the group of 15 men made last spring after they learned of the work being done among underprivileged Negro children in this section of Mississippi. More than 140 children are enrolled in the school, which has the elementary grades and a two-year high school course. The Holy Trinity priests conduct courses in agriculture and other farm life training fields while Ursuline nuns conduct the academic classes.

The bus, which carries 48 passengers, makes a trip of 48 miles each morning to pick up the students and another 48-mile trip each evening to take them home. It is valued at \$4,000. A spokesman for the Jewish donors said: "Our people have suffered much all over Europe. They have been starved and killed, persecuted and imprisoned. We in America have good homes, good jobs, good relations with our neighbors. We want to do something to help these, our fellow Americans, get the training they need to become good Americans too. And we want to show our thanks to God for His goodness to us."

Pastor Reviews Two Books At College

Fort Wayne—The Rev. Leo F. Pursley, pastor of St. John the Baptist church, continuing his series of talks on Current Catholic literature, at St. Francis' College, reviewed two books during the convocation period at 9:50 a. m. on Thursday, December 11. He chose for review: "The Dry Wood," by Caryll Houselander and, "When the Mountain Fell," by C. F. Ramuz.

Prospects For Passion Play In Oberammergau In 1950 Declared Good

Munich, Germany, Dec. 8.—(NC) Prospects are good that a suitable cast can be selected for the Oberammergau Passion Play, now scheduled for 1950. Heinrich Zatterer, mayor of the village, told this correspondent. The cast will

Shocking Details Of Death Of Bishop Revealed

Most Rev. T. G. Romzha And Four Companions Killed In Soviet Ukraine

Homestead, Pa., Dec. 8.—(NC) Shocking particulars concerning the sudden deaths of Bishop Theodore G. Romzha of the Byzantine-Slovenic Catholic diocese of Mukachevo, (Soviet Carpatho-Ukraine) two priests and two seminarians last October 25 were revealed here by Bishop Daniel Ivancho, Coadjutor of the Greek Rite Diocese of Pittsburgh.

(The death of Bishop Romzha, under unexplained circumstances, was previously reported in a Prague dispatch to N.C.W.C. News Service, dated November 24.)

According to reports received by Bishop Ivancho from reliable sources abroad, the story behind the deaths of 36-year-old Bishop Romzha and his companions is as follows:

On October 25, Bishop Romzha, the Rev. Daniel Bachinsky (a classmate of Bishop Ivancho), and the Rev. Nestor Silvy, accompanied by two unidentified seminarians, were driving in a horse-drawn cart to the large parish of Veliki Lucki, near Uzhgorod, Bishop Romzha's See city. Both of the priest victims, according to Bishop Ivancho, have relatives who are priests in North America.

Some years ago, the people of the Veliki Lucki parish had gone over to the schismatic Russian Orthodox Church, but after the arrival of the communists they had become disillusioned. They repented and petitioned for reunion with the Byzantine-Slovenic Rite. Their petition was granted and Bishop Romzha and his companions were enroute to the parish to reconsecrate the church.

While driving to Veliki Lucki, a military tank came from behind and crashed into the cart. The two priests and the seminarians were instantly killed; Bishop Romzha received fatal injuries. A few minutes later, the reports received by Bishop Ivancho state, a military car drove up to the scene of the "accident," the soldier occupants jumped out and, finding Bishop Romzha still breathing, shot him through the head. The five victims were buried in Uzhgorod on November 4.

Requiescant

Phil H. Werstein

Fort Wayne — Phillip H. Werstein, 60, a retired department manager for the old E. C. Rurde Dry Goods Store, and a resident of Fort Wayne for the past 59 years, died at 1:15 a.m. Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. Byron Hayes, 4011 S. Harrison street. A member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and of the parish Holy Name society, his funeral was held at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning from the Cathedral, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, rector, officiating. Mr. Werstein had been ill a month. Survivors include his wife, Rose; a son, Jerome Werstein, Fort Wayne and the daughter, Mrs. Rena Hayes. He was a native of Scranton, Pa., and located in Fort Wayne in 1888.

James McBennett

Fort Wayne — James H. McBennett, 64, manager of the Olds Coal Company for 30 years, died at 8 a.m. Monday at his home, 123 South Cornell Circle, after an extended period of ill health. A native and lifelong resident of Fort Wayne, he was a member of St. Patrick's church, the Holy Name society, Fort Wayne Council No. 451 Knights of Columbus, the Hi-Bernians and the Order of Elias. Funeral services were held at Thursday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan, rector officiating.

Besides his wife, Blanche, he is survived by one stepdaughter, Mrs. Joseph Lausberg, New Kensington, Pa., one brother, William, Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mrs. Rosella O'Laughlin, Fort Wayne and St. Theresa Cecilia, Sisters of Providence, of Ladywood Academy, Indianapolis, one nephew, Francis J. O'Laughlin of Chicago.

Henry V. Keefe, 60, St. Mary, Edgerton. Roy F. Degitz, 47, St. Peter, Fort Wayne. Frank A. Kratzman, 64, Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne. Miss Celeste I. Hoffman, 57, St. Peter, Fort Wayne.

be chosen in 1949, he stated. "Remarkable new talent was discovered among the younger generation during the summer when we staged our practice play 'The Prodigal Son,'" the mayor related. "People flocked to our village by the thousands from far and wide and were visibly impressed by the sincerity of our purpose and ability of the players."

Little Theatre To Stage 'Little Women' Dec. 14-16

South Bend—Life in the Civil War era will be depicted in the three-act play, "Little Women," which will be produced by the C.Y.O. Little Theatre of St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, at 8:30 p.m., December 14 and 16 in the St. Joseph parish auditorium.

"Little Women," a Christmas play by John D. Ravold, is based on the famous novel of that name by Louisa M. Alcott. It is one of the best-known and best-liked dramas in the American theatre. Settings in the famed play are in the New-England home of the March family during the era of the Civil War and depicts life during the era while the father is off to war fighting for the North in the great struggle.

Guest director for the production is Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hinkel, formerly associated with the Queens University Players at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, and with the Theodora Irvin Dramatic School in New York. While attending the Fordham University Theatre Seminar last Summer she had a principal role in "The Devil to Pay," which was produced by the Fordham Theatre.

Some of the outstanding young actors in the South Bend area will be featured in the production. The cast includes Richard Armstrong, Miss Mary Denise Egry, Robert DeGraff, Miss Mary Dooley, Eugene Gizzi, Miss Mary Jo Haley, Thomas F. Hammer, Miss Dolores Lohmann, Miss Jane McCarthy and Miss Tish McCarthy. Miss Nellie Weigand has been appointed stage manager for the play.

Two dress rehearsals are planned for the play in addition to the two public performances. One dress rehearsal would be for grade school children at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, December 13, and the second for Sisters and other religious at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 14.

District Retreat At Yoder Attracts Over 150 Members

Fort Wayne—Attended by over one hundred fifty members, the tenth annual Catholic Youth Organization District Retreat or Day of Recollection was held on Sunday in St. Aloysius church, Yoder. The Rev. Jesse Lothamer, host pastor, was celebrant of the 10 a.m. Mass at which there was a corporate Communion of the young people. The Rev. Fred J. Westendorf, of Fort Wayne, director of Central Catholic High school, conducted the retreat. In his opening sermon at the Mass he emphasized the quality of "Being Christlike" and continued in this topic at the 1:30 p.m. conference. A pot-luck dinner was served in the parish auditorium at 11:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Joseph J. Hennes, pastor of St. Rose church, Monroeville, Diocesan Director of the CYO, attended the afternoon services. Father Westendorf in his closing conference, gave an inspiring message on "Vocations," with especial reference to Christian Marriage. Father Hennes was celebrant of benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

A short business meeting of the CYO followed. Announcement was made that the Rev. Lawrence Goller, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Hessen Cassel, is the new district moderator, succeeding Father Lothamer who has zealously served in this capacity for several years. It was decided by the CYO to hold a district dance in January in the CYO clubrooms of St. Joseph's school, Monroeville, and committees will be organized to prepare for the holiday social event.

N. D. Home Games Record Established

Notre Dame, Ind.—A new home attendance record of 228,171 was established this year in Notre Dame's four home games. This breaks last season's mark of 218,000 also set with a four game home schedule. In addition, a single game home attendance mark of 69,171 was set at the Army game this year.

Little Theatre Cast To Present 'Little Women'



A scene during the rehearsal of "Little Women," which will be produced December 14 and 16 by the C.Y.O. Little Theatre of St. Joseph Parish, South Bend. Left to right, rear row, are: Richard Armstrong, Thomas Hammer, Robert DeGraff; middle row: Jane McCarthy, Mary Dooley, Eugene Gizzi, Tish McCarthy; front row: Mary Jo Haley, Mary Denise Egry, Dolores Lohmann.

On The Shelf

Catholic Lending Library
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(Entrance on Jefferson)

Did you read this—Father Damien? O Yes—He's the priest who took care of the lepers—if I remember right, he contracted the disease and died from it. Thus do we speak of one of the greatest heroes of all time. When did he know he had leprosy? How did he feel about it?

"From the day of his arrival at Molokai, Damien had known that one day he might become a leper. In every act of his daily life he had been exposed to the disease; in his visits to the sick and dying, in the confessional, and at the burying grounds, he had breathed the tainted air. How could he have escaped it?"

It was in the twelfth year of Father Damien's life on the island, when everything was working out as he wished that he began to suspect that he had contracted leprosy. Alas! One afternoon his fears were confirmed. He upset a kettle of hot water as he was shaving in his cabin. The later ran over his sandaled feet and scalded him, but in spite of the severe burns he felt no pain. He knew that the disease robs the part affected of all sensation. The priest realized immediately that he was a leper. Yet this dreadful knowledge in no way alarmed him. The world held nothing to frighten him; he had surrendered everything on that day he had come voluntarily to Molokai.

That very evening Father Damien ate his supper of meat, rice, coffee and a few hard biscuits as though nothing unusual had occurred. At sundown he gathered his people under the palm trees for the evening songs.

The following morning when the priest ascended the pulpit of his chapel, he spoke solemnly, "My fellow lepers," he said instead of the familiar, "My dear brethren." —From "Royal Banners Fly," by Anna Kuhn.

Another highly informative biography, written in a pleasant easy style is "Damien, The Leper" by John Farrow. In these two books you have an opportunity

to learn more about this great man.

Library hours—Every afternoon 2 until 5.
Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:30 to 8:00.

Father James Quinn Conducts Senior CYO Day Of Recollection

Fort Wayne—The Rev. James Quinn of Kokomo, chaplain at St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital and Deanery Director of the CYO in the Logansport district conducted the "Day of Recollection" for the Fort Wayne Senior CYO on Sunday. The retreat opened with a corporate Communion at the 8 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's church after which breakfast was served in the lyceum dining room. Two conferences during the morning were given in the assembly room of the lyceum. "Catholic Pattern" was Fr. Quinn's topic there at 9:30 a.m. and "Youth's Place in the Pattern," 10:45 a.m.

In the afternoon talks were given and services held in the church. Fr. Quinn at 1 p.m. spoke on the "Dynamo Behind the Pattern" and at 2:15 p.m. on "The Pattern in Action," after which he was celebrant at benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament. The Rev. Eugene Zimmerman, CYO moderator, participated.

CCHS. Orchestra Planning Concert

Fort Wayne—Central Catholic High school orchestra will present a symphony concert at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, December 16, in the school auditorium, under the direction of Joseph Woods. Miss Mary Ann Steckbeck, mezzo-soprano, a C.C. senior and Charles Kocks, concert master of the orchestra and violinist will be soloists. As its major number, the orchestra comprising 50 students, will play, "Symphony in F". Miss Steckbeck will sing a medley of Christmas carols, "A Kiss in the Dark," and "Softly on the Morning Sunrise". Mr. Kocks will play "Meditation," from "Thais."

Aquinas Library and Book Shop Notes

"Mediator Dei," the Encyclical of Pope Pius XII published on November 29 can be called a Liturgical Encyclical.

One of the practical questions developed in this Encyclical is the use of the Missal. The two great Liturgical books of the Church are the Missal and Breviary. The Encyclical exhorts us to a better assistance at Mass through the use of the Missal, and the Book Shop has a pamphlet entitled "Catechism of the Liturgy for Young and Old" which would be a great help to the beginner. It answers such pertinent questions as: "What are some of the different kinds of Mass?", "What is a conventual Mass?", "Why are there three altar cloths?", "What is to be noticed about the prayer, 'Communicantes'?" Studying this pamphlet will give a keen realization of the value of a Missal in the participation in the Mass.

Advent begins the Liturgical year, and through its sombre but joyful expectation, we are led to Christmas which is followed by Septuagesima and Lent—then on to the joy of the Resurrection which ends with the festival of Lent.

The Father Stedman Missal is recommended as a simplified method of following Mass and has an explanation of the theme of each Mass. There are several Missals for daily use. Many priests urge reading of the Mass prayers for each day at home as a greater means for the understanding of the Liturgy.

Next week we will list some of the books on Liturgical worship which help to lead the life of the Church more fully.

Honor St. Joseph's Parish Athletes

Fort Wayne—Sponsored by the Ushers club of St. Joseph's parish, of which the Rev. Charles Seiberger is pastor, a Father-Son banquet, honoring the parish athletes, is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, December 14, in the auditorium. The Rev. Robert Hoevel, diocesan vice chancellor, will be guest speaker. The pastor and several laymen will be heard on the program.

Bishop To Foster Children's Camps At Lake Wawasee

Fort Wayne—The Most Rev. John Francis Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, celebrated Mass at 8 a.m. Sunday in St. Vincent de Paul chapel, St. Vincent's Villa, incident to the quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Particular Conference. Approximately all conferences in the deanery were represented, over 150 laymen attending. There was a corporate Communion of the men at the Mass. A communion breakfast meeting followed in the Villa gymnasium, at which President Roy E. Grimmer presided.

Bishop Noll in an interesting message to the assembly outlined his plans for the establishment of Children's camps next summer at Lake Wawasee. They would be attended, alternate weeks during June, July and August by boys and girls of the different deaneries of the diocese. The camps would be run by Catholic camp counselors familiar with the work. The Rev. W. Edward Sweigart, Diocesan Director of Associated Catholic Charities gave an informative report on a Charities Conference which he had attended the preceding week at Cleveland, O. He especially referred to the problem of displaced persons in Europe and urged the men to use their influence in promotion of the law for the admission of the quota to this country. He indicated that approximately 65 per cent are Catholic and 25 per cent are Jews.

Foss Smith, St. Patrick's parish representative, chairman of the Special Works committee, spoke on the project for the coming season, the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the homes. He also reported on the progress of the St. Vincent de Paul Salvage store, for which a financial report was submitted by the auditor, Martin D. Johnson, of St. John the Baptist parish. During the 10 months the store, established in February, 1947, has given to the needy, material and merchandise to the value of \$1,275. The gross income, for the sale of goods at a very low price at the store was approximately \$10,000. The sum of \$8,000 was originally borrowed to procure the building and start the business and on this indebtedness \$3,300 has been paid and the Society has a working balance of about \$4,300.

Frank Welch of St. Joseph's parish, chairman of the Visitation Committee, reported considerable progress in the work of the Conferences in all of the parishes. Martin F. Hilt of St. Jude's parish, chairman of the Promotion committee and Robert Oakes of St. Peter's parish, Youth Guidance Committee chairman also submitted encouraging reports. A report on the work in Huntington in behalf of the migrant Mexican laborers was also given. President Grimmer in his message spoke encouragingly of the growth and development of the organization and thanked His Excellency for his paternal interest and cooperation.

Junior And Senior CYO Hears Miss Walmsley

Gary.—On November 30 the Junior and Senior CYO of St. Bridget's held their annual Communion breakfast. The members received Communion in a body at the 8 a.m. Mass, followed by the breakfast in the Church hall.

Miss Jeanne Walmsley of the Catholic Social Service Bureau was the guest speaker. She talked on the problems of youth and the solution to many of their problems. Miss Catherine Demborsky was the toastmistress.

College Sodality Entrants Received

Fort Wayne—Seven candidates were admitted to the ranks of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin at 5 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of St. Francis College. The Rev. Seraph Zeitz, O.F.M., chaplain, who is also professor of religion and philosophy, officiated, gave the sermon and closed services with benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament. The new sodalists are: Mary Daly, Ann Wonderly, Joan Gilleron, Charlotte Roth, Betty Horvath, Catherine Goettemoeller and Alice Walter.